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RECORD

OF THE

CLAPP FAMILY IN AMERICA,

CONTAINING

Sketches of the Original six Emigrants,

AND A GENEALOGY OF

THEIR DESCENDANTS BEARING THE NAME.

WITH A SUPPLEMENT,

AND THE

PROCEEDINGS AT TWO FAMILY MEETINGS.

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WILLIAM BLAKE TRASK.

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CLAPP.

VAIRÉ,* GULES AND ARGENT.
A QUARTER AZURE, CHARGED WITH THE SUN, OR.
CREST, A PIKE NAIANT PROPER.

OF the coats-of-arms in possession of different branches of the family, the publishers present the above as a genuine Clapp arms, but without laying claim to it as belonging specially, if at all, to the American branch of the family. It was undoubtedly the arms of some family of the name in England, though in what line of descent has not been ascertained. The legend attached to it, however, at the social meeting at Nantasket was introduced as the motto of the family, and no objection can be made to such a use of it.

* A field vair is composed of pieces of fur, or conventionally of silver and blue cut to resemble the flower of the campanula, and opposed to each other in rows. When the pieces are of different colors, as above, they are specified and described as vairé of those colors. When the pieces, shield-shaped as above shown, of the same color, are arranged base against base, the field is described as counter-vair, or counter-vairé.

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COMPILER'S PREFACE.

A LARGE portion of the descendants of the early settlers of New England are curious to know the names and history of their ancestors. This curiosity is laudable, and the gratification usually gives genuine satisfaction. The compiler of this work began, about the year 1840, to gather what information he could in relation to his own family in order to leave it in manuscript to his children. His interest in it increased until nothing else would satisfy him but to collect whatever might be obtained concerning all bearing the name. For this purpose, old documents were obtained; State, County, Town, Church and private records searched, garrets ransacked, public and private citizens interviewed, letters sent to different parts of this country and to England, and journeys taken. The result is embodied in the work now issued.

No doubt some will think the accounts are quite incomplete, and faultfinders (who may be found in every family) will point out omissions and errors. In many cases it has been exceedingly difficult to ascertain facts in relation to individuals, and the cause has often been that those applied to were uninformed or indifferent in regard to the matter. This, however, has not been the general experience of the compiler; for, as he looks over the great array of names in the book, he is satisfied they could not have been obtained without much assistance furnished by others. The records of most persons mentioned are necessarily very brief; others are more

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extended; in some instances the biographical sketches prepared were of such a length that an abridgement was necessary. Those born in the vicinity of the places where our progenitors first settled, and where the committee on publication and compiler now live, have, in most instances, the larger record, because better known. Undoubtedly there are many whose history is recorded in one line in the book, who are as much deserving an extended sketch as any who have received it; but to us their merits were not made known.

> "He lived, he died, behold the sum,
> The abstract of the historian's page."

But little was intended to be recorded of the present generation. It has been found difficult, however, to exclude sketches of such known to be authentic, and relating in some instances to those as deserving of mention as any of their ancestors.

Many have been the hindrances and large the expense in the publication of the work; but the downright pleasure and satisfaction which have been experienced in the acquaintances and friendships contracted in its progress cannot be forgotten nor underrated.

In the completion and issuing of the volume, the Committee of Publication, viz., Otis Clapp, David Clapp and William B. Trask, have rendered important services: the first in arousing the interest and securing the aid of the indifferent and procrastinating; the second in transcribing and arranging the matter in hand and completing the records where necessary; the third in the exercise of his accurate and extensive knowledge of historical and genealogical matter, and who, as well as the compiler of the work, is descended, on the maternal side, from both Capt. Roger and Edward Clapp.

It is also proper to mention the fact that the family are under obligation to David Clapp and John Cotton Clapp, the publishers, for undertaking the pecuniary risk of issuing the work. Many delays and expenses are connected with a work of this kind, and the sales are always small outside of the household. It is hoped, therefore, that the members of the different branches of the family

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will not be backward in the purchase of copies. The edition printed is of course small, and early calls for the work may be advantageous to the purchasers, and will certainly be so to the publishers. Many thanks are due to David C. Clapp, son of David Clapp, who has had much of the oversight of the printing of this Memorial, and has rendered important assistance in completing the unfinished records.

The Clapps were among the early band of Puritans that settled in New England, and who helped to establish a government, the effects of which will be felt throughout all time. Under its fostering care and protection, unlike the creation of new kingdoms or states in the old world, states are settled and organized among us after a fashion of our own; the coming in of a new commonwealth is regarded with as little note as the advent of an additional youngster in a growing family. The "far West," where many of our name reside, and which for years have been shifting and changing, is fixed at last; it lies along the shores of the Pacific. A few years ago, the Alleghany Mountains were its borders; then, the Mississippi became its western boundary; it travelled up the Missouri with such rapidity, that the points exhibiting its progress seemed like the spots that mark the nightly encampment of an army on its march. Compare this with the experience of Capt. Roger Clapp, the first pioneer of our name, and those who came with him. They had come in that "great ship" the Mary and John, which, as another says of it, was "rocked by mighty billows, fanned by stormy gales, but overwatched by more than maternal guardianship, until it laid its precious charge within the rude lap of these western shores." He first met to join in public worship with his one hundred and forty fellow voyagers in Dorchester, near the ocean, in June, 1630; "the sun in its golden light sifting down through the young summer's swaying foliage upon their reverently bared and bending heads," with no white person between them and the Pacific Ocean.

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May we follow the precious examples of such an ancestry as far as they lived the true life, and not forsake their wise counsels nor disgrace their memories. They helped to found a government in true wisdom; may wisdom be its eternal heritage.

EBENEZER CLAPP,
Born in Dorchester, Mass.,
April 24, 1809.

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EXPLANATORY REMARKS,

BY THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION.

THE work upon which the well-known historian of the Clapp Family has for so many years been engaged, after being transcribed from his original manuscripts, rearranged, and completed as far as it is possible to complete a work of this kind, is now published. The slow progress in printing the book, regretted alike by the publishers and the subscribers, was caused by the continual reception of genealogical records from distant parts and from persons whose interest in the matter was not awakened until the printing was begun, together with the efforts to bring some of the incomplete records down to the present day. The errors and imperfections in the records of each genealogical line, discovered while the work was passing through the press, and also important information received out of time, rendered necessary the insertion of a Supplement, in which also the Committee have ventured to introduce various documents and miscellaneous papers, mostly historical, and more or less connected with some individual previously named. At the last moment likewise it was deemed expedient to include the latest received matter under the head of "Addenda." The family history is thus unavoidably rendered somewhat disconnected, but this is remedied in some degree by the consecutive numbering, and by the Index. The foot-notes occasionally given have been carefully prepared, having explanatory or suggestive reference to some person, place or event mentioned in the text.

With regard to the matter of arranging the order and descent of generations and families, so variously carried out in genealogical works, the plan adopted by the publishers comprises a full list of the children of each head of a family directly under his name. Where the information concerning these children is small and their posterity not numerous, the whole record is given at once; when otherwise, the name is designated by this mark + and carried forward, and on a future page it makes the starting-point of a new family head. The different families as thus recorded are each comprised between a number in large figures situated in the middle of the line, thus, —53— and the next similar number. For instance: +2. SAMUEL,[2] on page 8, is taken up again under —2— on page 9, and the record of his family line finished there, except that of his son +19. SAMUEL,[3] who in his turn is taken up under —19— on p. 16, and so on. The Italic names enclosed in parentheses at the beginning of each new family record, after the name of the head of such family, carry the line back to the original ancestor,

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in the genealogical order as designated by the superior figures ^{4}, ^{3}, ^{2}, ^{1}, and the succeeding generations are designated by the same kind of figures in an increasing order down to the last. These small figures at the right of family names should be carefully noted in tracing out each record. Further details in regard to this arrangement will be evident to the reader, on perusal, without more particular explanation here.

The plan originally embraced by the compiler, in tracing genealogical descents, was to confine them to the male members of each family. This plan has been continued as a general rule. In a few instances, however, more particularly in the case of families where the daughters have married husbands already more or less intimately connected with the Clapps, the children of such, when their names were furnished, have been inserted.

The Portraits which have been prepared for the volume are not so numerous as could have been wished, although they well represent the different family branches. That of Rev. Nathaniel makes a fitting frontispiece. The imperfect condition, however, of the oil painting, from which it is heliotyped, has prevented the furnishing of a beautiful picture.—The few illustrations of ancient homesteads which are given represent houses rich in historical and domestic associations, and we regret their number is necessarily so small. A goodly number of fac-similes of ancient autographs has been obtained by the publishers, and all must acknowledge that they add much to the interest of the work.

The accounts of the two great Family Gatherings, in 1870 and 1873, are appended, the first from the stereotype plates of the pamphlet printed at the time; the second gathered mostly from the carefully prepared newspaper reports of the proceedings. They are inserted at the end of the book, entirely separate from the Memorial proper, and the Index prepared for them must be carefully distinguished from that of the book itself.

It will be observed that the orthography of the family name adopted in this work is that in general use at the present time. This has been deviated from in the case of documents, in copying which, literal conformity has in all respects been carried out. The slight attention given to literary accomplishments in ancient times, even among the most intelligent, resulted in great variableness in the spelling of family names, and ours has at various times and by different individuals been spelt: Clap, Clapa, Clapp, Clappa, Clappe, &c. The initial letter K, instead of C, has also been used, and perhaps was more general in ancient times than now; a few prominent families of the name still use that letter.

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INTRODUCTION

TO THE MEMORIAL.

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"Clappa, an obsolete Saxon name—Clapp, Clapps, Clapson. Clapham is the ham or house of Clappa, a Saxon who held the manor in the time of Edward the Confessor."

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EARLY FAMILY HISTORY.

What is known of the Clapp Family in England.

So little success has attended the efforts which have been made to trace the genealogical order of the family on the other side of the water, that the sphere of this book is necessarily confined to the western continent and to the period since the beginning of the first systematic settlement of New England by the puritans. Whatever result might accompany our endeavors to penetrate beyond that period is perhaps of small consequence to us, whose confidence and affections are planted chiefly on those of our progenitors who in this land of their adoption have given us the example of their faith, courage and virtue. A few general facts are sufficient to show that the family has lived in England from a remote period; these are summed up in *Burke's Heraldic Register*, sufficiently clear to answer every purpose of this portion of the record.

"Clapp (Salcombe, Co. Devon) the family of Clapp, originally Clapa* claims Danish extraction, and was long settled in Devonshire, in which county it possessed the estate of Salcombe, which eventually devolved on Sarah, daughter of Dr. Kessel, of Ottery, St. Mary, and wife of George Cornish, Esq., her mother having been the only daughter and heiress of John Clapp, Esq., of Salcombe. That gentleman's younger brother, Robert Clapp, m. Mary, dau. of George Hunt, Esq., of Parke, Co. Devon (who through his mother was descended from the very ancient family of Wyk, or Weeks, of North-Tawton), and is now represented by his granddaughter, Frances Mary Clapp, of Taunton, only child and heiress of the late Rev. Francis Hunt Clapp.

"Quarterly, first and fourth, ermines, three battle axes; second, sable, a griffin passant, argent; third, sable, an eagle with two heads, displayed within a border engrailed, argent."

* Osgod Clapa was a Danish Noble at the Court of King Canute, who was king of England from 1017 to 1036. From him it is supposed that Clapham, co. Surrey, where he had a country-house, derived its name.

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The Emigration of the Clapps to America.

As far as is known, all of the name who emigrated to this country came over in the seventeenth century, and we have an authentic account of six who did so come. Of these, five were among the first settlers of New England, landing at Dorchester from 1630 to '40. The sixth landed at a later date on the southern coast. There is, however, a tradition among persons bearing the name and now living in various parts of the south and south-west, that their ancestor came from Hesse-Cassel in Germany, and settled in Philadelphia; but it seems most probable that all these are descendants of the sixth above mentioned, the only one of the name who is known to have settled outside of New England. There are also many bearing the name now living in different parts of Canada, who have a tradition that their emigrant ancestry consisted of three brothers who came from Wales during the earlier settlement of New England; but, perhaps, could their genealogy be traced back, it would attach finally to one of the six emigrants above mentioned. There is no doubt that all were of the same stock in England, but it cannot now be explained just how the first five are connected with the sixth. Of the parentage of those who settled in Dorchester, all that is known is centred in two individuals, the immediate progenitors, viz.: Richard Clapp, of Dorchester, England, and his brother, name unknown, who lived in Salcombe, a small town situated near the western coast of England, twelve miles from Exeter, and having, in 1831, a population of only 448. Many of the children of Richard Clapp and his brother left their native country with those earnestly religious men who felt themselves oppressed and hindered in growth by the Established Church, and desired an unoccupied field and a virgin soil where their principles might expand without danger of corruption from impure surroundings. As they were all in comfortable circumstances in England, there could have been no inducement but one of principle to tempt them to choose a wilderness for their future homes.

Record of the Emigrant Families.

Of Richard Clapp and his brother, the parents of the five emigrants of that name who landed in New England, nothing definite is known beyond the facts of their place of residence and station in life. The progeny of each is now given, as far as can be done, those names prefixed by the cross + being carried over for extended genealogical record in the main body of this Memorial.

Children of ..... (brother of Richard) Clapp, of Salcombe, Eng.:

+1. Edward,[1] b. in England; emigrated to New England in 1633; m. first, Prudence Clapp, dau. of his uncle Richard Clapp,

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of Dorchester, Eng.; m. second, Susannah Cockerell. He died in Dorchester, N. E., in 1664.

ii. A Son,[1] name and history unknown. Children [probably]:

(1) *Barbara*,[2] b. in England; emigrated to New England, perhaps with her uncle Edward in 1633; joined the church in Dorchester in 1636, or between that year and 1639; m. first, April 20, 1639, Joseph Weld, of Roxbury. He d. in 1646, and she m. second, Anthony Stoddard, of Boston, by whom she had two children. She d. about 1654.

(2) *Redigon*,[2] b. in England; emigrated to N. England, perhaps with her uncle and sister in 1633; m. October 20, 1637, John Capen,* his first wife, and had two children. She d. Dec. 10, 1645.

[John Capen calls Barbara, "sister Weld," and John Clapp, son of Richard, calls John Capen "cousin."]

iii. Sarah,[1] b. in England; emigrated to N. England, perhaps with her brother Edward; m. her cousin, Nicholas Clapp, son of Richard; d. in Dorchester, N. E., about 1650.

iv. A Son,[1] name and history unknown. Perhaps he was the father of Sara Clapp, who m. Oct. 16, 1676, Thomas Swift, son of Thomas Swift, the quarter-master.

v. John,[1] b. in England, where he lived and died. Nothing is known of his history, but it is certain that he had a son:

(1) *John*,[2] m. ..... Pitts, dau. of the widow Pitts, of Lime Regis, and he lived in Colyton, co. Devon, England, where he was a mercer. In the will of Roger Conant (a man famous among the early settlers of New England), of Beverly, dated "1 mo. 1. 1677," occurs the following sentence: "Also sixtie acres of land out of my farm granted me by the Generall Court neere the new town of Dunstable, I give and bequeath into the hands of Capt. Roger Clap, of the castle neere Dorchester, for the vse of a daughter of one Mrs. Pits deceased, whose

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* John Capen was son of Barnard Capen. Barnard was born in England in 1552, and came to Dorchester probably in 1635, being at that time 73 years old and one of the oldest of the original emigrants to New England. He died Nov. 8, 1638, aged 76, and was buried in the south-west part of the Dorchester burying-ground, and the stone which marked the spot contains the most ancient inscription of any in that ground, and must be one of the oldest in New England. It was long lost sight of and was supposed to be wholly lost, another having been put in the place of the original one. That stone has however recently come to light, having been accidentally discovered by Mr. George Fowler, in charge of the cemetery, a few inches under the surface, 78 feet in a south-easterly direction from where it originally stood, and by a singular coincidence directly in front of the monument of Deacon Nicholas Clapp (see page 196), a contemporary and personal friend; it has since been deposited with the Dorchester Antiquarian Society. John Capen was born in England in 1612, and probably came over in 1633, having been made freeman in 1634. He was a Captain of Militia, and chosen a Deacon of the church in 1656. He was Representative to the General Court six years, and died April 4, 1692. John Capen married, for a second wife, in 1647, Mary, daughter of Elder Samuel Bass, of Braintree, and had Barnard Capen, Jr., born March 24, 1650, who was the father of Sarah Capen, wife of Deacon Jonathan Clapp (No. 16 of Nicholas), and of Barnard Capen, who married Sarah Clapp (No. 36 of Roger). Capt. John Capen's second son Samuel m. in 1673, Susannah Payson, and their tenth child Jonathan m. Feb. 22, 1722, Jane Houghton, of Milton; their second son was Jonathan, Jr., who lived in Stoughton, and m. Nov. 20, 1746, Jerusha Talbot (see foot-note p. 247 of the Memorial), and their youngest daughter Azubah m. David Clapp (No. 76 of Nicholas). The landed estate of Jonathan, Jr., in Stoughton, was very extensive, and much of it is yet in the hands of descendants.

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daughter now liveth in Culliton, a town in Devon in Old England, and is in lue for certain goods sold for the said Mrs. Pits in London, and was there to be paid many yeares since, but it is alleged was never paid." Also it appears by the Massachusetts Archives (*Estates*, vol. xvi. p. 186), that John Clapp did, on the 9th of June, 1680, give a power of attorney to his uncle, Capt. Roger Clapp, of Castle Island near Boston in New England, to recover said land of Exercise Conant, son of Roger Conant. Possession was given Oct. 21, 1680, and said Conant was discharged by said Clapp the next day. The following is the document named, with autograph of John Clapp attached:

"Know all men by these p^sents that I John Clapp of Colyton, in y^e County of Devon, mercer, haue named and Constituted, & by these p^sents do name Constitute ordaine & make my hon^rd uncle m^r Roger Clapp Capt of Castle Iseland in new england my true & Lawfull Attorney: for me & in my name, to demand sue & Recover of m^r Exercise Conant of Beverly in new england all that sixty acres of Land Laying nere y^e new town of Dunstable, which his father by will did giue & bequeath for y^e use of my wife in lieu of a debt oweing her mother y^e widow Pitts of Lyme Regis deceased. Gineing & hereby granting unto my s^d attorney my full power & authority to use & execute all such Acts things and devises in y^e law as shal be necessary for Recovery of y^e s^d Lands & Acquittances & other discharges to make and giue: And generally to do & execute in y^e premises as fully as I myselfe might or could do being personally p^sent. Ratifying Confirming & allowing all & what soeuer my s^d attorney shall Lawfully do or cause to be done therein by these presents; In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seale this ninth day of June in y^e two and thirtieth yeare of y^e Reign of Charles y^e second, King of England, &c. &c. in y^e yeare of our Lord 1680.

Signed sealed & dld
in y^e p^sence of us
Pet^r Ticken
Elizabeth Wilkins

+**vi.** ROGER,[1] b. in Salcombe Regis, England, April 6, 1609. All that is known of him, before his coming to New England, is that he was early impressed with that deep religious sentiment which formed the base of the puritan character; also a short time before 1630 he obtained leave of his father to live in the city of Exon, Eng., where he could be under the ministry of the Rev. John Warham, to whom he was much attached, and with whom he afterwards, with his father's permission, came in company to New England. He emigrated to Dorchester, N. E., in 1630; m. Joanna Ford, and died in Dorchester in 1690.

vii. JANE,[1] b. in England; emigrated to New England, probably with one of her brothers; m. first, George Weeks, and had three sons. He d. Oct. 27, 1659, and she m. second, Jonas

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Humphrey,* who d. March 19, 1662. She d. in 1666. The following will of Jane Humphrey, slightly abridged, is an interesting specimen of a document of the time in which it was made.

WILL OF JANE HUMPHREY.

I *Jane Humphery*, being weake in Body, & not knowinge how soone the Lord may take me hence, doe this 29th of the Eleauenth month 1666, declare how I would haue my goods disposed of after my decease. I give to my sonn *Williams* wife, ye jumpt which was my sister *Sarah Clap's*, Also my best Redd Kersey petticoate & sad gray Kersey Wascoate, my blemmish Searge Petticoate & my best hatt, my white fustian Wascott, a wrought napkin with noe lace about it, a black silke neck-cloath, a glass quart Bottle, a handkerchife, a blew Apron, a plaine black quaife without lace, a white Holland apron with a small lace at the bottome. I Giue to my sonn *Amiells* wife, a redd Searge Petticoate & a blackish Searge Petticoate, a blackish carsey Wascoate, a greene searge & my hood & muffe. Also my greene Linsey woolsey petticoate, my whittle‡ that is fringed & my jump; my blew short coate, my white tufted Holland wastcoate, A thin Chifte and another chifte a

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* Jonas Humphrey is the ancestor of the Humphreys family in Dorchester, which has ever since his day so frequently intermarried with the Clapp family. Before coming to this country, about 1637, Jonas Humphrey was a Constable in Wendover, co. Bucks, England. The parish of Wendover includes the Borough and the Forrens, the latter being that portion, within the limits of the township, which was not entitled to burgage privileges. The office of Constable in England in those days included many and various duties, making it a highly responsible station as compared with the same office with us at the present time. The following notification or order is copied from the original document, which was received by Jonas Humphrey while Constable, brought with him to this country, and has since been preserved in the family in Dorchester:

"To the Constables of Wendover Burrough cum Forence and to eury of them.

"These are in his Maᵗᵉ name to will & require yoᵘ to giue notice of these Articles hereunto annexed to the Church wardens & ourseers of yᵉ poore of yoʳ p'ish and that both you and the said Church wardens & ourseers doe bringe vnto his Maᵗᵉ Justices at the Red Lyon in Wendouer on Wednesday the 27th of this Instant Moneth of June by Eight of the Clock in the forenoone their Presentmᵗˢ accordinge to each Articles as they shall belonge to their seuᵉall office And farther that yoᵘ doe certifie to his Maᵗˢ Justices exactly wᵗ Alehouses are licensed and Wᵗ vnlicensed wᵗhin yoʳ lib'ties Strictly enioyning all the said Alehouse keepers licensed and vnlicensed not to fayle to be before his Maᵗᵉ Justices at the same tyme and that wᵗh the aduice of the minister & some three or fower of the most Substantiall Inhabitants yoᵘ doe certifye vnto them what number of Alehouses are fit to be licensed in youʳ p'ish and what p'sons are fittest to keepe them and alsoe that you certifye to them what p'sons there are that doe vsually vent & sell Tobacco by retayle in yoʳ towne & of their fitnesse soe to doe, together wᵗh the names of such other p'sons as you shall thinke fitt to be admitted to vse that trade together with the trade wᶜh they now vse. And farther that you keepe a diligent and strict Warde by daye & Waeth [sic] by night and that you doe vpon Tewsday the 26th of this Instant June take wᵗh you sufficient ayde and make a priuate & dilygent search wᵗhin yoʳ libertyes for Rogues vagabonds and Idle persons & that yoᵘ bringe before his Maᵗˢ Justices to the place aforesaid on the sayd 27th day of June all such of them as shall seeme sturdye dangerous and Incorrigible and that yoᵘ doe punish and send away accordinge to law all such as are not dangerous & Incorigible and that yoᵘ be then & there pˢsent to giue a strict accompt of the due execution hereof fayle not, dated this 20th day of June 1632.

From Sᵗ Leonards pʳ me Wᵐ Graunge

"you and the Church wardens remember to pay the q'teridge foʳ the king's bench Marshalseys and mayned souldyers to me on the day aboue sayd at yoʳ towne."

The articles accompanying this order are twelve in number and are too voluminous for insertion entire; they include an oversight of matters pertaining to religion, education, crime, vagrancy, building, conducting of public houses, trade, employment of servants and apprentices, repairing of highways, &c., all the details of their duty in these various departments being expressed with great clearness and precision.

† *Jump.*—A short coat, or a sort of bodice for women.

‡ *Whittle.*—A white dress for a woman; a double blanket worn by west country-women in England, over the shoulders, like a cloak.

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wrought napkin with noe lace about it; a handkerchife, a blew Apron, my best black quaife with a lace, a black Stuffe neckcloath, a white locrum Apron with two bredths in it, Six yards of Redd cloath, if it will hold out after all things bee discharged; a greene vnder Coate. I Giue to my daughter *Jane*, my staning kersey Coate & my murry Wastcoate, my Cloake & my blew vnder Wastcoate, a pare of fine sheets; a holland Table cloath, halfe a duzzen of napkins, my best white Apron, my wrought platter; a pare of pillow beers; my best shift, one napkin wrought about & laced; my little chest & one of my best neck-clothes, one of my best plain quaifes, my best holland squre cloath with a little lace & one Calico vnder neck-cloath, a stone jugg, a yard of Holand that is hemmed and marked with an J, a silner spoone & my wedding Ring. I Giue to my son, *Joseph Weekes*, my great old chest, my best brass pann, two platters a bigger & a lesser, & my best Couerlide; my booke of Mr. Burroughs Gospell Worship, a sheet of Cotton & linnen, also a Table cloath. I Giue to my Grandchild, *Amiell Weekes*, my bedsted and bed & chaffe bonlster & my Rugg. To my Grandchild, *Ebenezer*, my Feather Boulster & a pare of new blanckets. To my Grandchild, *Thankfull*, two pillows, two old Pillow beers & my skillet. To my Grandchild *Elizabeth*, *Amiels* Daughter, my new great chest, my spinning wheele, my little brass pan & my little Bible; Also I giue vnto *Thankfull*, the biggest of my small boxes. To my grandchild, *Jane Weeks*, one of my best platters. To my grandchild, *Renew*, my lesser small Box. To my sonn, *Amiell*, my Great Bible. To my sonn *Amiell & William* Tenn pounds of hemp yarne & Cotton yarn to put vpon it, to be Equally deuided betweene them. I giue to my sonn, *Amiell*, Mr. Burroughs Booke of Gospell Conuersation & my psalme booke, Also my Cowe. I Giue to my sonn, *William*, my booke of Mr. Shepherds workes, also 15 shillings. I giue tenn shillings to my grandchild, *John Weeks*, & to Each of the other of my sonn *Williams* Children, Fiue shillings, if there bee soe much remaininge when things be discharged. I Give to my sonn in Law, *Benjamin Bate*, Mr. Taylors booke on the 32 psalme. I Giue to my sister, *Jone Clap*, a fine thine neck-cloth & a Square cloth with a little lace vpon it. I Give to sister, *Susannah Clap*, the next best neck-cloth to that of Sister *Jones*, & square Cloth. I Giue to my Cousen, *Hannah Clap*, my next best neck-cloath & the next best Square Cloth & whatsoever Else I haue I Give to my Sonn, *Amiell*, whom I make my Executo^r. I Giue my best greene Apron to *Mary Atherton*. This being my last will & Testament, I witness my hand in p'sence of vs.

The marke of *Jane* X *Humfrey*.

Roger Clap
Samuell Paull.

Will proved Nov. 19, 1668. Capt. Roger Clap and Samuel Paul deposed.

It will be seen that four children and at least two grandchildren of Richard Clapp's brother came with the first settlers of Dorchester. It cannot be stated positively that none of the others came over, but if any did come, they either returned or left no issue bearing the name.

Children of Richard Clapp, of Dorchester, Eng:

+1. Thomas,[1] b. in Dorchester, Eng., in 1597; emigrated to New England in 1633; m. Abigail .....; d. in Scituate, N. E. in 1684.

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iii. AMBROSE,[1] b. in England, where he lived and died; he was probably not m. in 1655.

iii. RICHARD,[1] b. in England, where he probaby spent his life; he m. and had:

(1) *Richard.*[2] (2) *Elizabeth.*[2] (3) *Deborah.*[2]

[All probably remained in England.]

iv. PRUDENCE,[1] b. in England; emigrated to N. E., probably with her brothers, Thomas and Nicholas; m. her cousin, Edward Clapp; and d. in Dorchester, N. E., about 1650.

+**v.** NICHOLAS,[1] b. in Dorchester, England, in 1612; came to New England with his brother Thomas in 1633; m. first his cousin Sarah Clapp; m. second, Abigail, widow of Robert Sharp; he d. in Dorchester, in 1679.

vi. JOHN,[1] b. in England, emigrated to New England during or soon after the year 1637. He lived all his life in Dorchester, and died there, July 24, 1655. The Christian name of his wife was Joan, who, after his death, m. John Ellis,* of Medfield. He had no children. The town of Dorchester had reason to remember him with gratitude, as he left land to the town lying at the Neck (now South Boston). For more than 150 years this land brought but little income to the town, but in the year 1835 it was old for $1000 per acre. The number of acres was between thirteen and fourteen, and the land was situated in close proximity to that connected with the House of Correction and other city institutions.†

WILL OF JOHN CLAPP.

The 11th of ye 5th moth 1655.

For as much as it hath pleased God to visit me with sickness and great weakness of body, I being in p'fect sences and memory doe here declare and make my last Will and Testament, wherein I doe in the first place bequeath my soul to God, yt made it and to the yt blessed holy ghost, who hath sanctified it, and made it fit for glory in some measure, I hope through grace, and my body I comitt to a decent burial in ye earth, in a sure and certaine hope of a Resurrection at the last judgment, and for my small outward estate wch God hath gratiously given me, I give and bequeath to my dear and louveing Wife my now dwelling house with all my lands both in ye necke and in the woods, wch to me doth appertayne dureing her naturall life, and after my Wifes decease I give my house and land to the maintenance of the Ministry and a school in Dorchester forever, also I give to my dear and Brother Ambrose Clap what is due to me still from my dear brother Richard Clap in England wch is three pound or thereabout, also I give to my louving brother in law Edward Clap three pounds of yt wch is in his owne hands, also I give unto my louving Cousins Richard and

* "John Elice to Joan Clap by Major Atherton, 26: 4: 56." "Joan, the wife of John Ellis, formerly the wife of John Clapp, dismissed to the Church in Medfield."—(*Medfield Records.*)

† At a town meeting held in Dorchester, May 4, 1835, a committee was appointed with authority to sell this land. The names of the committee were Henry Gardner, Abel Cushing, William Oliver, Nathaniel Minot, Samuel P. Loud, Walter Baker and Edmund J. Baker. The land was sold on the 16th of the ensuing month, the deed being made out to John Pickering, Jonas L. Sibley and others, of Boston, in trust for a company called the Warren Association, and was signed by John Mears, treasurer of the town. The amount received for it was $13,590.62, which was used in paying for new school-houses.

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Elizabeth Clap children of my brother Richard Clap one platter which I have at my brother Richards aforesaid, also I give to my louving cousin Deborah Clap daughter of y^e^ said brother aforesaid one silver spoon w^ch^ spoon is in her fathers hands, also I give to my louving cousins Nathaniel Ebenezer, Sarah and Hannah brother Nicholas children tenn shillings apiece, also I give to my louving cousins, Elizabeth, Prudence and Samuel Clap, children of my brother Thomas Clap eight shillings apiece and y^e^ rest of his children each of them five shillings, also I give to my louving cousins Prudence, Ezra and Nehemiah and Susanna Clap each of them eight shillings apiece and all y^e^ rest of my goods not given and bequeathed (my funeral discharged and just debts being payd,) I give and bequeath to my dear and louving Wife whom I make my sole Executrix in Witness whereof I have set to my hand.

Postscript.—Also I give to my cousin John Capen 8*s.* 6*d.*, and to my deare and loueing cousins Roger Claps children one shilling apiece furthermore I desyer that my three friends my brother Nicholas my brother Edward and my cousin Roger Clap to be my overseers for the performance of this my last Will and Testament whereunto I set my hand.

Witnesses
Edward Clap
Sarah Clap
Jone Clap

JOHN CLAP (L.S.)

"At a meeting of the Gov^r^, Mr. Nowell and Record^r^. 30^th^ Aug. 1655. Roger Clap deposed.

"An Inventory of the goods Chattells of John Clapp, of Dorchester, deceased, 24^th^ July, 1655. Taken by Edward Clapp, Nicholas Clapp, Roger Clapp. £140. 04. 10. 30 Aug. '55. Jone Clapp, widow of the deceased deposed."

Four children of Richard Clapp are all of his descendants who are known to have left Old for New England. In the following Memorial, the record of the above-named original male emigrants, and their descendants, is presented in the order in which they arrived here, viz., Roger, 1630; Edward, Thomas and Nicholas, 1633; George Gilson, 1666.

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THE CLAPP MEMORIAL.

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I.

ROGER AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Roger Clapp

Was born in Salcombe Regis, Devonshire, England, April 6, 1609; sailed from Plymouth for New England, March 20, 1630, and arrived at Nantasket, May 30, 1630. He came in the ship *Mary and John*,* Captain Squeb. Two learned non-conformist ministers, Rev. John Maverick and Rev. John Warham, came in the same vessel, also other persons of distinction. The passengers of this ship were the first settlers of Dorchester, and they arrived there about June 17, 1630.

All the efforts which have been made to learn the name and history of Roger's father have proved unavailing. The records of that date, in his native town, have been removed or destroyed, and in no

* The "Mary and John" was the second of sixteen vessels which left England with passengers, in 1630, under the patronage of the Massachusetts Bay Co. The patent of this company, previously granted by King James I., was confirmed by Charles I., March 4, 1629, and seems to have held out new inducements to emigration among those who could not conform to the ecclesiastical requirements of the time. Capt. Roger Clapp, in his "Memoirs," speaks thus of this Patent: "Was it not a wondrous good Hand of God to incline the heart of our King so freely to grant it, with all the Priviledges which the Patent expresseth!" The number of passengers on board the "Mary and John" was 140; which, with those who came in the fifteen other vessels during the year, and on board another for Plymouth sent out by a private merchant, amounted to nearly 1000 persons. "These seventeen ships," says Dudley in his letter to the Countess of Lincoln, "arrived all safe in New England, for the increase of the Plantation here this year 1630, but made a long, a troublesome, and costly voyage, being all wind-bound long in England, and hindered with contrary winds after they set sail, and so scattered with mists and tempests that few of them arrived together. Our four ships which set sail in April arrived here [Salem] in June and July, and found the Colony in a sad and unexpected condition, above eighty of them being dead the winter before; and many of those alive weak and sick; all the corn and bread amongst them all hardly sufficient to feed them a fortnight." Capt. Roger thus alludes to the destitute condition of the emigrants in Dorchester, before the time came to gather the fruits of the next season:—"Oh the Hunger that many suffered, and saw no hope in an Eye of Reason to be supplied, only by Clams, and Muscles, and Fish. We did quickly build Boats, and some went a Fishing. But Bread was with many a very scarce thing; and Flesh of all kinds as scarce." It is recorded of the Pilgrims of the Mayflower at Plymouth, that on the return of that vessel to England the next spring, no one of the survivors through that terrible winter went back in her. So of those in the "Mary and John," at Dorchester, we do not read of one emigrant who returned in her to Old England. This, however, was not the case with other companies of emigrants. Dudley says of those at Salem and elsewhere, "The ships being now [August, 1630] upon their return, some for England, some for Ireland, there was, as I take it, not much less than a hundred, some think many more, partly out of dislike of our government, which restrained and punished their excesses, and partly through fear of famine, not seeing other means than by their labor to feed themselves, which returned back again; and glad we were so to be rid of them."

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existing document, yet discovered, in this country, is his father mentioned by name. Roger, in his "Memoirs," speaks of him as "a man fearing God," and whose "outward estate was not great." He also alludes to his final consent to the emigration of his son to New England, and of his generous answer to an appeal for provisions, shortly after the arrival of the Dorchester Company at their new home. These meagre, incidental facts are probably all that we shall ever know about the father of one who filled so conspicuous a place in the early history of Dorchester. That Roger had a nephew John, son of John Clapp, living in Colyton, co. Devon, Eng., in 1680, is shown by a power of attorney from him to his uncle, in that year, the original of which may be seen in the Massachusetts archives.

Roger Clapp was married Nov. 6, 1633, to Johanna, the daughter of Thomas Ford, of Dorchester, England, who were passengers in the same vessel with him. She was born June 8, 1617, and consequently was but sixteen years and five months old when she was married. Mrs. Clapp survived her husband between four and five years; she died in Boston, June 29, 1695, aged 78 years, and was buried near her husband. Her father removed to Windsor, Ct., with a large portion of the members of the Church, in 1635. In consequence of this removal, and also the carrying away the church record by the Rev. Mr. Warham, who also went, the name of Capt. Clapp as a church member cannot now be found any where recorded —the book taken away being unfortunately lost, and the names contained in it not having been copied into the new one, by Richard Mather, in 1636.

He probably lived, before the removal of himself and family to the Castle in 1665, in a house which he built near the old Causeway road, leading to Little Neck (now South Boston). A passage way (now called Willow Court) led from the road to the house. One hundred years after, it was much enlarged and improved in appearance, which appearance it still retains, and is well shown in the accompanying cut.

Capt. Clapp's life was a busy and eventful one. In works of benevolence, he was forward and earnest; his ability and energy of character were acknowledged by the colony and the town. In 1637, when 28 years old, he was chosen Selectman, and fourteen times afterwards, previous to 1665, when he took command of the Castle, he was elected to that office. In 1645, he was one of a committee of five to fix the rate of assessment for building a new meeting house. He was several times chosen Deputy from Dorchester to the General Court. In 1673, being again chosen Deputy, it is significantly recorded by Blake, "afterwards, in this year, y^e^ Court sent an order to choose another Deputy in y^e^ room of Capt. Clap, his presence being necessary at y^e^ Castle, because y^e^ times were troublesome." To most of the petitions and documents emanating from, and relating to, Dorchester, his name was signed, and carried with it a weight

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and influence. He was one of the Commissioners appointed to marry persons, which at that time was an honorable office.

He was a remarkably industrious man, and continually engaged in some useful employment; idleness he detested. He was a man of good judgment, and the frequency with which he was called to be overseer of wills, and other weighty business matters, shows that he stood high among his friends and neighbors. His meekness and humility were proverbial, and he was "of a very quiet and peaceable spirit, not apt to resent injuries; but when he thought the honor of God was concerned, or just and lawful authority opposed, he was forward enough to exert himself." "As to his natural temper, it is said he was of a cheerful and pleasant disposition, courteous and kind in his behavior, free and familiar in his conversation, yet attended with a proper reservedness; and he had a gravity and presence that commanded respect from others."

At the first regular organization of the military of the colony, in 1644, he was the Lieutenant of the Dorchester company—Humphrey Atherton being the Captain, and Hopestill Foster the Ensign. At that time, the military were obliged to parade eight days each year; a penalty of five shillings was exacted for non-appearance, and none were exempted except "timorous persons," of which there were but few in those days. He was afterwards Captain of the Dorchester Company; and, Aug. 10, 1665, was appointed, by the General Court, Captain of the Castle (now Fort Independence), in Boston Harbor, to succeed Capt. Richard Davenport, who was killed at that place by lightning in July of that year. He held this office for twenty-one years, until he was 77 years old, and resigned in 1686, principally on account of the political troubles which then made their appearance under the administration of Sir Edmund Andros. Mr. James Blake, Jr., who gave some account of Capt. Clapp in 1731, says that, under the change of government, "some things were required of him which were grievous to his pious soul."

Edward Randolph, in his Narrative of the State of New England in 1676, writes, "Three miles from Boston, upon a small island, there is a castle of stone lately built, and in good repair, with four bastions, and mounted with 38 guns, 16 whole culverin, commodiously seated upon a rising ground sixty paces from the waterside, under which, at high water mark, is a small stone battery of six guns. The present commander is one Capt. Clap, an old man; his salary £50 per annum. There belong to it six gunners, each £10 per annum."

In an ancient manuscript Journal, kept by a respectable gentleman of Boston, is the following in relation to Capt. Clapp's leaving the Castle:

"Sept. 24, 1686." "Capt. Clapp leaves the Castle; about nine guns fired at his going off. It seems Capt. Clapp is not actually

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come away, but Capt. Winthrop and Lieut. Thomas Savage did this day there receive their commissions."

After his resignation, the remainder of his life was spent in Boston, where he died Feb. 2, 1691. His funeral was conducted with much parade and with every mark of respect; military officers, and probably the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company* (of which he was a member), preceding the corpse, "the Governor and General Court following the relations as mourners, and guns firing at the Castle."

When he left the Castle, he lived at the south end of Boston, and owned a house and land there, which he left to his wife at his death. The land was bounded on the east by "the sea," or Boston Bay.

He was one of the founders of the Church in Dorchester and a member thereof about sixty years. It was said of him, that he was very kind and affectionate to the soldiers under his command, and encouraged them both by precept and example to prove worthy citizens, "and enlisted none but pious as well as brave men." Such was the affection in which he was held by the people of Dorchester, that, during a severe sickness by which he was visited in 1672, they held a fast "to beg his life of God"; and when he recovered, they held a day of thanksgiving.

The "Memoirs of Capt. Roger Clap," which have been already referred to, were first printed in 1731, from the original manuscript, which was in the hand-writing of Capt. Clapp, and was presented by Mr. James Blake, Jr. of Dorchester to the Rev. Thomas Prince, minister of the Old South Church, in Boston, who wrote the introduction to the work, and in which he says, "The Author was One among those English People, who first came over and dwelt in this Indian Wilderness; an Eye-witness of the things he writes of; and by the publick and continued Esteem his Country paid him in his Day, his Testimony comes with Power upon us; and the Style so plain and natural, that in the Reading, it seems as if we came over with Him, and were living in those pious Times." Several editions have been printed, so that for nearly one hundred and fifty years the descendants of Roger and of his emigrant relatives have been familiar with the book and have prized it as a valuable memento of their early New England history. The Memoirs were probably written soon after 1676, as in them he speaks of "the late war," undoubtedly meaning King Philip's War, which in that year had just closed.†

The following will is transcribed, verbatim, from a copy evidently in Capt. Clapp's own handwriting. In phraseology and spelling, it differs slightly from that on record at the Probate office.

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* "Captain Clapp was second sergeant of the company, 1647, the year after his admission, and Lieutenant, 1655, and continued a member many years."—Whitman's *Historical Sketch of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.*

† Young, in his "Chronicles," inserts the Memoirs in a re-arranged, chronological order, and omits Roger's exhortations to his children, and his account of his religious experiences, thereby making the document a more connected and strictly an historical one.

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CAPT. ROGER CLAPP'S WILL.

The time of my death is knowne to god, yet not known unto me; I doe therefore now, in the time of my helth, make this my last will, in maner following:

I do commit my immortall soull to the euerliuing god, whose it is; and my body after death, I leaue unto my Relations, to be desently buryed in the dust—there to rest, untill my dear lord, and sauiour, shall rayse it at his glorious coming unto judgement.

As for that estate, which god hath gratiously giuen to me; my just debts paid and founerall exspenses descharged; I giue unto my dear and louing wife, my house and land in bostone, with all the priuiliidges, and appurtenanses belonging there unto. which land is bounded on the north with the land of m^{r} Jonathan Balson, on the south with the land of Edward Tucker, on the east with the sea: also six acors of upland, and fiue acors of meadow, be it more or les, lying in dorchister neck, bounded with the land of william Sumner on the south east, and the land that was Neahmiah Claps, on the north west, and with the sea on the north; and also three acors of meadow in dorchister, being on the north side of a salt creek, at the lower end of hopestill Claps lot, commonly called Cornelies lot, be it three acors, more or les: this house and lands, to inioy during her naturall life. Also I giue her two fether beds, with there furniture; a small trunke; and forty pounds in mony, or such goods as shee please to take out of my moueabels: when my debts are paid, and my wifs portion set out, and those small gifts hereafter expresed, payd; my will is, the rest be deuided equally to my children: only Samuel, my eldest, to haue a dobble portion in all. Except in that which my deare wife is to haue for her life. I doe farther declare: that what so euer Samuel, or any other of my children haue had, or shall haue, by my life time as part of there portion, shall be reckned as part of there portion: which reseats, that i alow as part of there portion, you shall find in my littell sorrill booke: I doe farther declare that my sons shall haue my lands as is after expresed. my sone Samuel shall haue all my land, both upland and medow, at powow point, in dorchister neck, and to small lots in the littell neck, and my lot comanly caled the eaight acor lot, and halfe my farme at punkapage: Preserued, hauing had land of me allredy at northamton, as by my littell book do appear, he shall haue a fifth part of my farme at pachasuck, in westfeeld; my son hopstill shall haue that part of the home lot that is below the fence, and all the medow at the end of the home lot, and at the tide mill, and at the end of cornelias lot, as fare as the salt creek: but not ouer the creek: and to small lots in the littell neck, the land at the mouth of the great neck: and the first and second deuission, in the cow walke, and halfe my farme at punkapage, and halfe the wood lot that was hawses, by the fresh marsh. all to be prised. also any land that my sons haue, any of them, if not prised by me, and set doune in my sorrill book: it must be prised, that so thos that haue had more than there portion, may paye to those that want, to make there portions equall:

I giue to my son desire, my third deuision of wood land, and to and twenty acors of land, more or les, lying on the north side of nabonset riuer: also that medow on the south side of nabonset, which was william weekses, be it three acors, more or les: I giue out of my farme at pachasack in westfeeld fifty acors unto the inhabitance of that towne, towards the maintenance of an able minester in that towne, with this prouiso: that they paye, or cause to be pay two busshels of good wheat unto my dear wife in boston yearly,

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during her naturall life: the ressedeu of my land there, not disposed of, I leave to my exsecutors to dispose of, to paye dets, or to make my childrens portions equall: For as I said before; I say againe, my will is that my children, shall haue equall portions, as near as may bee; Except my son Samuel, who shall haue dubell except in that which his mother haue during her naturall life. but that, both house and lands after my wifs desese, I give equally unto my sons, and my to dafters Elizabeth and wait, to be at there (my to dafters one desposing) the small gifts I mentioned, I giue unto my grand children, that shall be then liuing, together with my cozen Estor bissell and Constant dewey, ten shillings a peece—furder more, my will is, when my children haue reseued there portions, that my sons, and dafters shall pay there mother yearly, for her more comfortable liuing, twenty shillings a peece.

Also I giue my wife what falls to her by her father Ford at winsor or else where. I do hereby appoint and ordaine my dear wife and son samuel to be my executors: and do instetut, and appoint my dear and louing frinds Elder James Black and cozen Thomas swift my ouer seears to aduise, and assist, my executors in the performing this will: and do give my ouersears ten shillings apeece.

That this is my last will and testement I haue set to my hand and seall, in the pressenc of

November: 19: 1690.

henry Alline
John Bull
william Tilly

Roger Clapp [Seal.]

Children of Capt. ROGER and JOHANNA (Ford) CLAPP:

+ 2. SAMUEL,[2] b. Oct. 11, 1634; d. Oct. 16, 1708, aged 74 years.
3. WILLIAM,[2] b. July 5, 1636; d. Sept. 22, 1638.
4. ELIZABETH,[2] b. June 22, 1638; d. Dec. 25, 1711, a. 73 yrs. 6 mos. She m. Joseph Holmes, and had five children that lived to grow up. "She was a virtuous and prudent woman." She d. in Boston, and was buried near her parents.
5. EXPERIENCE,[2] b. Aug. 23, 1640; d. Nov. 1, 1640.
6. WAITSTILL,[2] b. Oct. 22, 1641; d. Aug. 9, 1643.
+ 7. PRESERVED,[2] b. Nov. 23, 1643; d. Sept. 20, 1720, aged 76 yrs. and 10 mos.
8. EXPERIENCE,[2] b. December, 1645; d. young.
+ 9. HOPESTILL,[2] b. Nov. 6, 1647; d. Sept. 2, 1719, a. about 72 years.
10. WAIT,[2] b. March 17, 1649. She m. Jonathan Simpson, of Charlestown, and had two children who lived to grow up. She lived a widow about twelve years, and died in Boston, May 3, 1717, in her 69th year, in the house in which her father and mother lived and died, and was buried near her parents. She is spoken of by Mr. Blake as "a godly woman, following the good example of her parents. She often spake of that charge which her father left his children, viz., never to spend any time in idleness, and practiced accordingly in a very observable manner."

Wait,[3] daughter of Jonathan and Wait (Clapp) Simpson, m. James Blake, Jr., of Dorchester, whose words are quoted above. Mr. B. was a famous mathematician and surveyor; he surveyed

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many farms in Dorchester and other towns, and once surveyed the whole town of Dorchester, with its then extended territory. He was for many years Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and principal Selectman of Dorchester. He wrote the Appendix to Capt. Roger Clapp's Memoirs, as published in various editions since, and died Dec. 4, 1750; his widow died May 22, 1753.

When Wait[2] was baptized, her father, Capt. Roger, told the congregation that the reason he called her Wait was because he believed the reign of anti-Christ would soon be over. He doubtless thought she might live to see the day!

11. THANKS,[2] b. July, 1651; d. young.

+12. DESIRE,[2] b. Oct. 17, 1652; d. December, 1717, a. about 65 years.

13. THOMAS,[2] b. April, 1655; d. in 1670, aged 15 years.

14. UNITE,[2] b. Oct. 13, 1656; d. March 20, 1664.

15. SUPPLY,[2] b. Oct. 30, 1660; d. March 5, 1686. His youth was one of great promise, and he seems to have early shown a predilection for the military service, as it then existed in the colony. But his life came to an untimely end. He was, as Mr. Blake writes, "suddenly taken out of the world by the accidental firing of a gun at the Castle, where his father was then the Captain and himself an officer."* The following references to the event are copied from the Journal of Judge Sewall, then in Boston:

March 5, 168$\frac{5}{6}$, "Capt. Clap's son (a very desirable man, Gunner of the Castle, tho' Mr. Baxter hath the name) hath one of his eyes shot out, and a piece of his skull taken away, by the accidental firing of a gun, as he was going a fowling."

March 9, 168$\frac{5}{6}$, "Supply Clap, gunner of the Castle, is buried at Dorchester, by the Castle Company, about noon; after the volleys there, several great guns were fired at the Castle; both heard by the Town."

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SAMUEL[2] (*Roger*[1]), son of Roger and Johanna Clapp, was born Oct. 11, 1634, when his mother was in the 18th year of her age. "He was a wise and prudent man," says Mr. Blake, "partaking of the choice spirit of his father, treading in his steps and making good his ground; he was eminent for religion, and of a blameless and unspotted conversation. He was early and constantly employed in public affairs; was Captain of the military company, Representative for the town, and, the last seven years of his life, a Ruling Elder of the Church of Dorchester, where he lived."

He married Hannah, daughter of Richard Leeds, of Dorchester. They had two sons and two daughters who lived to grow up. He died about eight days after his wife, Oct. 16, 1708, being about 74 years old.

* Thirteen years afterwards, the life of another young man was accidentally lost in the same place, in a somewhat similar manner. It is recorded of Nathaniel Homes, b. in Dorchester in 1668, that he was "killed by y^e^ breaking of a great gunn at y^e^ Castle, 12 June, 1699."

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Elder Clapp had a very high reputation in the town of Dorchester; besides the offices already mentioned as held by him, was that of Major. His children, Samuel, Elizabeth and Hannah, with the husbands of the two latter, divided their father's estate by agreement. Samuel[3] had the house he lived in and the barn and land belonging to it, which it appears his father owned; also the following, viz., ten pounds worth of the barn near the house his father dwelt in; a piece of meadow before the house; 2 1-2 acres of salt marsh at the neck; 4 acres of woodland in the third division; a little wood lot on the S. W. side of the fresh meadow; one half of the twenty acre lot; half a piece of marsh at the calf pasture; one half the meadow at Powow point (now South Boston); a piece of land at Little Neck, "on the left hand as we pas to the grate neck"; three fourths of the pasture at Hawkins brook; one half the land in the 12th division, a piece of land at the end of the Neck, also part of the land at Purgatory.

Elizabeth and her husband, Edward Sumner, had one half of her father's house, and one half of the remainder of the barn not set off to Samuel; one half the orchard; the home lot before the house; one fourth of the pasture at Hawkins brook; the lot at Hawes Hill; one half the lot at Little Neck; one fourth of the meadow at Powow point, on the north-east side; one quarter marsh at calf pasture, on the south-east side of a little creek; one fourth the land in the 12th division; and her part of land at Purgatory.

Hannah and her husband, Ebenezer Clapp, had as follows, viz.: one half the dwelling house; one half of the remainder of the barn, not set off to Samuel; the lot behind the house; the pasture at the mouth of the neck; one half the twenty acre lot; one half the lot at Little Neck; one fourth of the meadow at Powow point; one fourth the meadow at calf pasture; one fourth the land in the 12th division; one half the orchard near the dwelling house; two acres of marsh at the calf pasture; and his part of land at Purgatory.

This agreement was made March 20, 1711.

The unattractive name of "Purgatory" which occurs in it, refers to a swamp in the south-westerly part of Dorchester now called Mattapan—part of which swamp afterwards became the property of the First Parish in Dorchester.

The Hawkins brook, here named, was where Columbia Street now is, in Dorchester, and passes through the land of the heirs of the late Ebenezer Wales, under the road and into the meadow of Isaac Howe.

Chief Justice Sewall, in his journal, mentions riding in a coach to Dorchester, Oct. 18, 1708, to attend the funeral of Elder Samuel Clapp, "who is much lamented." Messrs. Bromfield, Stoddard, Sewall and his son Joseph, afterward Rev. Dr. Sewall, accompanied him. He says that Elder Samuel was the first man born in Dorchester, but in this he was probably mistaken. Mrs. Clapp died Oct. 8, 1708.

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Children of Elder SAMUEL and HANNAH (Leeds) CLAPP:

16. SAMUEL,[3] b. Feb. 22, 1661; d. Feb. 12, 1666, aged 5 years.
17. JOHN,[3] b. June 16, 1664; d. Oct. 6, 1665.
18. HANNAH,[3] b. Sept. 28, 1666; d. March 1, 1679, aged 13 years.
+19. SAMUEL,[3] b. Aug. 6, 1668; d. Jan. 30, 1724.
20. EXPERIENCE,[3] b. July 28, 1670; d. Aug. 3, 1671.
21. UNITE,[3] b. Dec. 6, 1672; d. March 11, 1674.
22. RETURN,[3] b. May 11, 1675; d. July 18, 1676.
23. JOHN,[3] b. May 8, 1677; d. March 7, 1701, unmarried, at the age of 23 years, 10 months; was much respected.
24. ELIZABETH,[3] b. Feb. 11, 1679; m. Edward Sumner. She received a considerable portion of her father's estate, and, probably, after his decease, lived in the house which had been occupied by him.
25. HANNAH,[3] b. Sept. 13, 1681; d. Aug. 9, 1747. She m. Ebenezer Clapp, the son of Nathaniel and grandson of Nicholas.

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PRESERVED[2] (*Roger*[1]), son of Roger and Johanna Clapp, was born Nov. 23, 1643. He lived in Dorchester during the first twenty years or more of his life, when he removed to Northampton, then a far distant settlement in the western limits of the colony, and comprising, with Springfield, the whole inhabited portion of western Massachusetts.* Here he soon became one of the leading men in civil and ecclesiastical affairs, and his usefulness was continued during a long and active life. "He was," says Blake, "a good instrument and a great blessing to the town of Northampton, where he lived. He was a Captain of the town, and their Representative in the General Court, and Ruling Elder in the church." He married, June 4, 1668, fourteen years after the settlement of the town was begun, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Newbury, of Windsor, Ct., who went from Dorchester to that place. They had seven children who lived to grow up. He died at Northampton, Sept. 20, 1720, aged about 77 years. She died Oct 3, 1716.

Children of Elder PRESERVED and SARAH (Newbury) CLAPP:

26. SARAH,[3] b. in 1669; d. young.
27. WAIT,[3] b. in 1670; m. John Taylor, Jr.
28. MARY,[3] b. in 1672; d. Nov. 2, 1691, aged 19 years.
+29. PRESERVED,[3] b. April 29, 1675; d. Oct. 11, 1757, aged 82 years.
+30. SAMUEL,[3] b. in 1677; d. in 1761, aged about 84 years.
31. HANNAH,[3] b. May 5, 1681; m. first, Abraham Miller; second, Lieut. John Parsons.
+32. ROGER,[3] b. May 24, 1684; d. Jan. 9, 1762, aged 78 years.
+33. THOMAS,[3] b. June 16, 1688; d. in Hartford, Ct., in 1745, a. 57 yrs.

* "For a hundred years or more after the first settlement of Northampton," says the historian, B. W. Dwight, "it was a week's journey, for man and horse, to go to Boston; and the path was distinguishable by marks cut upon the trees through the long stretch of forest that lay between the two places."

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HOPESTILL[2] (*Roger*[1]), son of Roger and Johanna Clapp, was born Nov. 6, 1647. Mr. James Blake, who was cotemporary with him, and to whom we are indebted for the "Short Account" of the Clapp Family in the Appendix to Roger's "Memoirs," says of him:

"He was a very gracious man, endowed with a great measure of meekness and patience; studied and practised those things that make for peace. He was first a Deacon of the Church of Dorchester, where he lived; and afterwards in the year 1709 he was chosen and ordained a Ruling Elder in the same church: he represented the town in the General Court for the space of fifteen years. He was much honoured and respected by those that had a value for vital piety."

Elder Hopestill Clapp died in Dorchester, Sept. 2, 1719, in the 72d year of his age. The lines in the following epitaph were written by his pastor, Rev. John Danforth,* and are copied, verbatim, from the gravestone:

Here Lies interred y^e^
Body of Elder Hopestill
Clap who Deceased
September 2^d^ 1719
Aged 72 Years

His Dust Waits Till The Iubile
Shall Then Shine Brighter Than y^e^ Skie
Shall meet & joine (to Part no more)
His Soul That's Glorify'd Before
Pastors & Churches Happy Be
With Ruling Elders Such As He
Present Usefull Absent Wanted
Liu'd Desired Died Lamented.

Elder Hopestill Clapp was married to Susanna Swift, April 18, 1672. She died March 2, 1732, aged 80. They were both buried near the S. W. corner of the Dorchester burying ground. In his will, he left the use and improvement of his estate to his wife, during her life; then a principal part of it to their son Hopestill, to whom he was grateful for attentions to them in their old age. Hopestill was to pay his sisters, Susanna Hodgdon, Elizabeth Hall, Sarah Capen and the children of his sister Ruth, a single portion.

In addition to the poetical inscription, copied above from Elder Hopestill's grave-stone, the Rev. Mr. Danforth composed the following Funeral Poem to his memory, which was printed at the time. A copy, which was in possession of the late Dea. James Humphreys, of Dorchester, is probably the only one in existence. There is a picture upon the top of the printed sheet, of a funeral procession, led off by Death; also a tomb, skulls, cross-bones, hour-glass, &c. to fill up, with a black ground.

* Ordained pastor of the Church in Dorchester, June 28, 1682, and died in Dorchester, May 26, 1730, aged 70, having retained his office in the church about 48 years. He was buried in Lieut. Gov. Stoughton's tomb, in the old Dorchester cemetery.

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A FUNERAL POEM IN MEMORY OF MR. HOPESTILL CLAP,

Who was for many Years a prudent and faithful Representative of the Town, and one of the Ruling Elders of the Church of Dorchester, who went to his Everlasting rest in the General Assembly of the first born in Heaven, Sept. 2, 1719, *Etatis sui Anno* 72. To our Great Loss, and his Great Gain.

Inroll'd i' th' Number of Christs Witnesses,
To Follow Him into a Wilderness;
A Blessed Number of *This* Precious *Name*,
Elect by Heaven, into this *Patmos* Came.
This Saints choice *Parents*, Pliant to Heavens Call;
Grace early Sanctify'd Their Children *all*.
Such a Bright Family, How rarely seen!
No *Ishmael*, *Esau*, *Dinah*, found therein.
O! Happy Family! O! Glorious sight!
Who Do & Bear, for CHRIST, lose nothing by't.
This Family did God vouchsafe to Bless
With Copious, and Extensive Usefulness.
The *Father* Held Our Castle without Fear,
And was Chief, Pious, Valiant, Bulwark there.
Vertuous in Heart, and Useful in their lives
Were also his Collateral Relatives.
For his Descendants, View the *Assembly's* List:
Long Years, *Three Sons* in General Court Assist;
And in the Ruling Eldership, No less:
In whom their Pastors Heart could acquiesce.
Our *Hopestill*, with the food of Angels Fed,
His *Name*, and Fathers Hope well Answered:
Converting Mercy and Restraining Grace
With their sweet Fruits within his Soul had Place.
The Chasma's Closed; The Rec'ning is made even:
The Gates of Hell held not his Heart from Heaven.
The Hopes of Hypocrites he durst not Cherish;
Nor Durst he Rest in Works, where many perish.
He did (and so should we, when sin doth seize us)
Lose-hold, on all, But GOD's free Grace in JESUS:
GOD in Man's Nature; That most Blessed One:
On Him he Liv'd, as his High Priest, alone.
So while he Liv'd, *and when he came to die*,
CHRISTS Glorious Riches gave him full supply.
Such Lives as his, deserve all Observation,
Lasting Remembrance, Constant Imitation;
Adorned with Goodness, Sweetness, Self Denial,
Meekness of Wisdom under every Trial,
With Fear of GOD; and Hate of Sinful Strife
'Gainst Strangers, Neighbors, Brethren, Children, Wife.
None could Repine; He was so Debonair,
So True, so Just, so Kind, so Calm, so Fair;
So Valuable (tho' no Son of Thunder),
The Church Rejoye'd when such an Elder Crowned her.
While Prayers went up, the Life of CHRIST Descended.
Winged with the Dove, his Ravish'd Soul Ascended.
Light for th'Upright in Publick Meetings Sown
And Private too, He wisely made his own.
His House, Feasts of Devotion did afford;
Resolv'd, his Family Should Serve the LORD.
Thro' Pride his Talents, he would not decline
To Use, altho' he could not see them shine:
Trusting in GOD; was not reduced to be

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Unuseful thro' excess of Modestie.
No Laws he Brake, altho' he voted many:
Fewds he Compos'd, altho' he Raised not any:
His Greatness *Goodness* was; His Victory
His Faith; his Honour, his *Humility*,
With Wisdom, Trustiness, Sincerity.
His Vertues let us duely Imitate.
Our Loss of such a Peace-full Man is Great.
Mourn we aright. And may kind Heav'n Afford
Widow, and Children, Comfort in the LORD.

AMEN.

Children of HOPESTILL and SUSANNA (Swift) CLAPP:

34. SUSANNA,[3] b. Dec. 23, 1673; m. ..... Hodgdon.
35. ELIZABETH,[3] b. Feb. 29, 1675; d. Oct. 5, 1752. She m., April 4, 1701, Jonathan, son of Richard Hall. She was his second wife. They had a son Richard, who was a Deacon of the Church in Dorchester, and "eminent for strength of mind and body, for piety and benevolence."
36. SARAH,[3] b. Jan. 13, 1677; m., Dec. 14, 1704, Barnard Capen, and had children.
37. HOPESTILL,[3] b. Nov. 26, 1679; d Dec. 26, 1759, aged 80 years. He was a man much respected in the town of Dorchester, where he lived; was Deacon of the church for upwards of thirty-six years, being ordained to that office May 3, 1723. He was never married, so that the name, in the line of his father, terminated at his decease. His last will and testament was dated Nov. 8, 1748, being about eleven years previous to his death. In it, he left a good part of his estate to his nephew, Deacon Richard Hall (see 35), son of his sister Elizabeth, and with whom he probably lived the latter part of his days. He left to his sister Elizabeth £6 per annum; to his sister Sarah Capen, a part of his dwelling-house, some land in the orchard, the pasturing for one cow, one load of salt hay and two cords of wood each year during her life; to his non-compos nephew, Joseph Capen, son of his sister Sarah, money on certain conditions. He also bequeathed to the church in Dorchester £60, to be laid out in plate for the communion table,* unless he had already bought it during his life; to his "cousins Elizabeth, Phillis, Susanna, Sarah and Patience, children of his late niece Tabitha Stoddard," some money; also property to his nieces Ruth Hall and Susanna Sumner, children of his late sisters. He likewise left money to the poor of the church on certain conditions. The inventory of his estate amounted to £520 6s. 8d.
38. RUTH,[3] b. Oct. 10, 1682; m. ..... Sumner, and probably died previously to her father.
39. MARY,[3] b. Sept. 22, 1685; d. Nov. 27, 1685.
40. SUPPLY,[3] b. Oct. 25, 1686. Not living at the death of his father, and probably died a young man.
41. JARIJAH,[3] b. Feb. 15, 1689; d. Feb. 27, 1689.
42. UNITE,[3] b. Oct. 2, 1690; d. Jan. 25, 1691.

* This plate, as well as that given by William (see page 15), has ever since been used, for the purpose intended, by the First Church of Dorchester.

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DESIRE[2] (*Roger*[1]), son of Roger and Johanna Clapp, was born Oct. 17, 1652. He married Sarah Pond, and ten children were born to them, only four of whom lived to grow up. She died Jan. 4, 1716, and he married, second, Dec. 27, 1716, Mrs. Deborah Smith, of Boston, "with whom he went to live, and there he died in December, 1717, in the 66th year of his age, and was interred near his relations." Mr. Blake says he was "a sober and religious man."

Desire Clapp left no will. His estate was divided by an agreement entered into between his widow and children. To the widow was paid £50, she thereby relinquishing all right and claim to the estate. The remainder was equally divided between his son William; his daughter Experience, wife of Samuel Tolman; Sarah, wife of Samuel Bird; and Judith, wife of Ephraim Payson.

The gravestone of Desire Clapp, with its inscription, may be seen in King's Chapel burying-ground, a little south of that erected to his father, Capt. Roger.* His first wife, Sarah, was buried in the old cemetery in Dorchester.

Children of DESIRE and SARAH (Pond) CLAPP:

43. WILLIAM,[3] b. Oct. 9, 1680; d. young.
44. DESIRE,[3] b. March 6, 1682; d. young.
45. EXPERIENCE,[3] b. Nov. 30, 1683; m. Nov. 21, 1704, Samuel Tolman, of Dorchester.
46. SARAH,[3] b. March 24, 1686; m. May 16, 1704, Samuel Bird.
47. PRESERVED,[3] a daughter, b. Aug. 8, 1688; d. Aug. 21, 1688.
48. DESIRE,[3] } Twins, b. Aug. 13, 1694; { d. Aug. 19, 1694.
49. WILLIAM,[3] } { d. Oct. 2, 1743.

William m. April 11, 1717, Elizabeth Humphreys, but probably never had any children. He lived in Dorchester and was buried there. His widow survived him nearly 32 years, and d. June 18, 1775, aged 75 years. William left a will, and gave £20, "in current passing money or bills of credit," to the church in Dorchester, to purchase a piece of plate "for y^e^ use of the Lord's table in the said Church." The remainder of his property was left to his wife Elizabeth, and, after her decease, it was to go to his nephew, Desire Tolman, son of his sister Experience.

In the death of William,[3] the name was extinguished in the line of Desire,[2] son of Capt. Roger.[1] All of the name who are direct descendants of Roger[1] are from his sons Samuel,[2] of Dorchester, and Preserved,[2] of Northampton. There are but few of the former, but a large number of the latter.

50. ROGER,[3] } Twins, b. May 24, 1697; { d. June 7, 1697.
51. DANIEL,[3] } { d. June 12, 1697.
52. JUDITH,[3] m. Ephraim Payson.

* As with other cemeteries in cities, in the course of time the gravestones of King's Chapel burying-ground have become displaced, and the exact spot of interment of many of those buried there is almost or quite unknown. The slab from Roger's grave has been placed in the eastern part of the ground, near the fence of the present City Hall.

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SAMUEL[3] (*Samuel*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Elder Samuel and Hannah (Leeds) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Aug. 6, 1668. About the year 1700, he married Mary Paul (then spelled Pavll). He was a man much respected by his fellow townsmen; was chosen Deacon of the church, and was Lieutenant of the military company. He left no will. The inventory of his estate amounted to £913 2s. 6d. He died in 1724, aged about 55, leaving several children under age. His widow, after his decease, married Abiel Bird. Blake says he did not accept the office of Deacon to which he was chosen. Mrs. Bird, and her son Samuel Clapp, both died Jan. 2, 1752, and were buried in one grave.

Children of SAMUEL and MARY (Paul) CLAPP:

53. JOHN,[4] d. Sept. 14, 1701.
+54. SAMUEL,[4] b. May 27, 1701; d. Jan. 2, 1752.
55. HANNAH,[4] b. Aug. 14, 1702.
56. JOHN,[4] b. July 24, 1705; d. Feb. 20, 1706.
57. JOHN,[4] b. Sept. 12, 1706; d. young. (Samuel Clapp, Sen. lost two children named John; and Samuel, Jr. lost three.)
+58. BENJAMIN,[4] b. Oct. 17, 1707; d. in 1793.
+59. SUPPLY,[4] b. June 1, 1711; d. Dec. 28, 1747. Minister in Woburn.
+60. THOMAS,[4] b. July 5, 1713; d. Aug. 11, 1798.

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PRESERVED[3] (*Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Elder Preserved and Sarah (Newbury) Clapp, was born in Northampton, April 29, 1675. He married Mehitable Warner, of Hatfield, Mass. He was a Captain. He died Oct. 11, 1757, aged 82 years. His widow died Oct. 1, 1767.

Children of Capt. PRESERVED and MEHITABLE (Warner) CLAPP, of Northampton:

61. MEHITABLE,[4] b. Nov. 8, 1703.
+62. PRESERVED,[4] b. July 28, 1705; d. Oct. 18, 1758, aged 53 years.
+63. JOHN,[4] b. in 1708; m. and removed to Montague.
+64. ELIPHAZ,[4] b. in 1711; d. in 1783 or 1784.
+65. EZRA,[4] b. May 20, 1716; m. and removed to Westfield.

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SAMUEL[3] (*Preserved*[2], *Roger*[1]), son of Elder Preserved, and brother of the preceding, was born in 1677. He married, first, in 1697, Sarah Bartlett. She died Aug. 7, 1703, and he married, second, Thankful King, Sept. 15, 1704. She died Sept. 18, 1705, and he married, third, Mary Sheldon, March 17, 1708. He had issue by each of his wives. He was about 31 years old when he married his third wife. He lived to be an old man, dying at the age

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of 84 years. He was Lieutenant of a military company. Mary Sheldon, his third wife, was born in Northampton in 1687, and was daughter of John and Hannah Sheldon. Her grandfather was Isaac, born 1629. She was carried into captivity to Canada, from Deerfield, in 1704, by the Indians, she being at the time engaged to be married to Jonathan Strong. On her return, he, supposing that she was dead, was married to some one else, and she married Samuel Clapp. After Mr. Clapp's death, she was married to Mr. Strong, when she was between 70 and 80 years old.

Children of SAMUEL CLAPP, by first wife, SARAH (Bartlett) CLAPP:

66. MARY,[4] b. March 13, 1699; d. Aug. 28, 1702.

By second wife, THANKFUL (King) CLAPP:

67. SARAH,[4] b. Sept. 9, 1705; m. Gideon Parsons.

By third wife, MARY (Sheldon) CLAPP:

+68. SAMUEL,[4] b. Oct. 30, 1711; d. Aug. 28, 1775.
69. MARY,[4] b. Sept. 21, 1713; m. Daniel Pomroy, May 21, 1733.
+70. SETH,[4] b. July 14, 1716; d. July 4, 1754.
71. THOMAS,[4] b. Nov. 13, 1724; d. Dec. 4, 1724.
+72. EBENEZER,[4] b. Oct. 13, 1726; d. Sept. 22, 1797.

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ROGER[3] (*Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born May 24, 1684. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Bartlett. They had eight sons and one daughter; and, what was remarkable, they all lived to grow up, and had families. He was Captain in the military company, and also representative to the General Court. He died in 1762, aged 78, and his widow died Aug. 9, 1767.

Children of ROGER and ELIZABETH (Bartlett) CLAPP, of Northampton:

+73. ROGER,[4] b. April 3, 1708; wife Ann.
74. ELIZABETH,[4] b. May 29, 1710; m. Jonathan Strong, May 27, 1730, and had children.
+75. JONATHAN,[4] b. in 1713; d. May 10, 1782, aged 69 years.
+76. AARON,[4] b. Jan. 30, 1715; m. and moved to Easthampton.
+77. ASAHEL,[4] b. about 1717; d. Jan. 20, 1777.
+78. SUPPLY,[4] b. about 1721; d. in 1784.
+79. CHARLES,[4] b. in 1725; d. Aug. 11, 1767.
80. NOAH,[4] wife Dorcas. He was sergeant in the company of Capt. Phineas Stevens, and was one of the thirty brave defenders of Number Four (Charlestown, N. H.) in 1747, under Capt. S., who withstood the assault of 400 French and Indians, under Mons. Debeline, and, refusing to capitulate, were left at the end of the third day in possession of the fort. Capt. S. had a valuable sword presented to him for his bravery on this occasion.

Noah had only one child, *Hannah*,[5] who was under 14 years

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of age in 1763. She afterwards m. Martin Clark of Westhampton, and both were dead in 1843. Noah[4] d. about 1751.

+81. SIMEON,[4] b. in 1728; d. Feb. 25, 1812, aged 84 years.

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THOMAS[3] (*Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in Northampton June 16, 1688; married April 4, 1711, Mary King. He removed to Hartford, Conn., and died there in 1745, at the age of 57 years. He was the ancestor of most of the name in Connecticut. His wife, Mary, died Feb. 5, 1772.

Children of THOMAS and MARY (King) CLAPP:

+82. THOMAS,[4] b. in Northampton, March 6, 1712.
83. MARY,[4] b. July 13, 1713, and probably d. young.
84. OLIVER,[4] b. July 7, 1718; probably d. without issue.
+85. ELIJAH,[4] m. Mary Benton.

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SAMUEL[4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Roger*[1]), second son of Samuel and Mary (Paul) Clapp, was born May 27, 1701, and died Jan. 2, 1752. He was married Dec. 23, 1725, to Mindwell Bird. He was in the 23d year of his age when his father died, and he was chosen guardian of his brother Thomas. He was a mariner in the early part of his life; and, in his later years, a farmer. His widow Mindwell died June 1, 1770.

Children of SAMUEL and MINDWELL (Bird) CLAPP:

86. MINDWELL,[5] b. Nov. 11, 1726; m. Daniel Fairn, of Dorchester, May 8, 1753.
87. SAMUEL,[5] b. Dec. 18, 1728; d. young.
+88. ABNER,[5] b. Dec. 23, 1732; d. May 25, 1799.
89. MARY,[5] b. Jan. 23, 1738; m. John Ward.

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BENJAMIN[4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born Oct. 17, 1707. He was a minor at the decease of his father, and chose Thomas Wiswall to be his guardian. Dec. 29, 1730, he married Hannah Baker. Subsequently to 1740, he removed to Stoughton, and died there in 1793.

Children of BENJAMIN and HANNAH (Baker) CLAPP:

90. SUSANNA,[5] b. Jan. 30, 1732, in Dorchester; m. Edward Capen.
91. SUPPLY,[5] b. 1733; settled in Stoughton, but never married; d. in 1805, aged 72 years.
92. SAMUEL,[5] b. May 25, 1735, in Dorchester; d. Oct. 4, 1735.
+93. JOHN,[5] b. in 1736; settled in Stoughton; d. in 1809, a. 73 years.
94. HANNAH,[5] b. May 13, 1740, in Dorchester; m. Samuel Brackett.

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SUPPLY[4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Samuel and Mary (Paul) Clapp, was born June 1, 1711. His father died when Supply was 13 years old, and he chose Abiel Bird to be his guardian. He entered Harvard College, and was graduated at that institution in 1731. It appears that he immediately engaged himself as a teacher of the school in Dorchester, and that he continued in that employment two or three years. In his Diary, he says:—"July 19, 1733, I began my third year to keep school." "Feb. 13, 1734, Tailer & Clap kept school for me." During this time, he was preparing himself for the ministry, and commenced preaching May 20, 1733, before he was admitted to the church; for in his Diary, Aug. 5, 1733, it is observed, "I was admitted into the Ch^h at Dorchester." It appears, however, from his Diary, that this was the only sermon preached before he joined the church. This first sermon was delivered at the Castle, where his great-grandfather, Roger Clapp, commanded so long, as were also most of the other sermons that he preached that year. In 1734, he occupied the pulpit at Roxbury, from March 31, to Jan 30, inclusive; whether as candidate or not, is not stated. It is also doubtful in which of the two churches in Roxbury he was thus engaged. Dec. 15, 1734, he preached for the first time at Woburn, in the 2nd Parish (now Burlington), as a candidate. March 5, 1735, he received a call to settle there in the ministry. This call he accepted, "upon conditions," May 19; and in full, Aug. 25 of the same year. What his salary was, does not appear, but it was probably regulated by the price of provisions; for, on the same page of his diary that he records his ordination, is the following memorandum:—

N. B.	The price of Indian Corn,	6 shillings p. Bush.
	Rye,	8 shillings p. Bush.
	Beef,	5 pence p. pound.
	Pork,	7 pence p. pound.
	Cyder,	5 shillings p. barrel.
	Butter,	16 & 18 pence p. pound.

Work, 4 shill. or five shillings in Summer.
Mowing, 5s–6d: and some have 6 shillings.

Mr. Clapp was ordained pastor of the second church in Woburn, Oct. 29, 1735. On that occasion, Rev. Mr. Bowman, of Dorchester, offered prayer; Rev. Mr. Hancock (probably of Lexington) preached from Romans i. 1, and gave the charge; Rev. Mr. Bowes, of Bedford, gave the right hand of fellowship. The meeting-house in which Mr. Clapp was settled had been built about three years, and had been used for a place of worship probably about all that time; but no church had been regularly organized until after his ordination.

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Nov. 9, 1735, he preached for the first time after his ordination, from Luke xii. 42 and 43.—"Who then is that faithful and wise steward," &c. The church at that time consisted of eleven males and twenty-one females.

In the spring of 1736, Mr. Clapp bought a place called the "Knight place," from the name of the former possessor; and, in the fall succeeding, went to housekeeping, though a single man. Aug. 11, 1737, he married Miss Martha Fowle, daughter of the then wife of Mr. Samuel Walker, one of his deacons, but previously the widow of Mr. Fowle, of the first parish, and, during her widowhood, the keeper of a very respectable tavern there. Mrs. Clapp has been represented as a very capable and amiable woman.

Mr. Clapp appears to have been a man of very feeble constitution, and labored under many weaknesses and infirmities, as appears by his journal. He was very sick for many days in the fall of 1742, and looked upon as near his end; he suffered greatly by sharp turns of pain in 1743, and says in his journal, Oct. 1, "Thro' Gods Goodness I have not been confined to my house since March, long together; but so great hath been my weakness that I have enjoyed but little comfort in the things below. I trust my affections are stronger heavenward."

In consequence of his infirm state of health, he frequently took short excursions abroad, especially to Dorchester, and to Boston to hear the Thursday lecture. On one of these occasions, Sept., 1740, he records the following memorable incident:—

The Rev^{d} Mr. Whitefield, in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, was to preach at y^{e} New South in Boston. The meeting house being very much crowded, there was suddenly an outcry as if y^{e} Gallery was falling. I, being under said Gallery, hastened out, stood at y^{e} door; immediately there was such thronging out, that y^{ey} trampled one another under feet, some jumped out of y^{e} Galleries into y^{e} seats below, some out of y^{e} windows. I helped clear the way at y^{e} door, till they got so squeezed together in y^{e} porch till I could get no more out. So that I with others were forced to cry out to the pressing multitude to make way back. After y^{e} space of 5 or 6 minutes, such way was made back, that we could help the distressed out; many were taken up for dead, but being blooded chiefly recovered. Three died upon y^{e} spot, and two more a day or two after. As awful a sight (I think) as ever I beheld. May God sanctify it to me, and the rest of the spectators.

N. B. The Galleries were afterward examined, and there appeared no danger.

Mr. Clapp's frail nature gave way Dec. 28, 1747; his age was then 36 years, 6 months and 28 days. The generation who knew him and sat under his preaching have passed away, but tradition has uniformly given him a most excellent character. Not a syllable has been handed down to us to his disadvantage; he was respected and beloved. The following is the inscription on his gravestone in the burying ground at Burlington.

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Here lie interred the Remains of the
Rev^{d} Mr. SUPPLY CLAP, late Pastor
of the 2nd Church of Christ in Woburn
Who departed this Life
Dec. the 28th, 1747,
in the 37th Year of his age,
and the 13th of his Ministry.
He was a good Christian, and a faithful
Pastor, and being dead Yet Speaketh,
Especially to the People that were
his Charge, Saying, remember how
Ye have received and heard, &
hold fast.

After Mr. Clapp's decease, his widow removed to Boston. He left a will, dated Dec. 6, 1747. The estate was valued at £3396. 0. 6. Among the articles or effects mentioned in the inventory, was "a sickly negro man servant about 12 years old valued at £300."

Most of this account of Rev. Supply is obtained from a letter written by Rev. Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, Mass., to the late Elisha Clapp, under date of Aug. 20, 1820.

Children of Rev. SUPPLY and MARTHA (Fowle) CLAPP:

95. MARTHA,[5] b. Aug. 6, 1738; d. in 1807. She m. James Thwing, and had children: *Nathaniel, Supply, James, Rebecca* and *Samuel.* Nathaniel had a family; Supply d. aged about 21 yrs.; James was cashier of the Massachusetts Bank; Rebecca m. William Furness, and Rev. William H. Furness, D.D., of Philadelphia, is their son; Samuel had a family, and his son, Supply Clapp Thwing, is a merchant in Boston.

96. SUPPLY,[5] b. Jan. 3, 1742. He lived in Portsmouth, N. H., and was never married. He was a very respectable man, and a colonel in the militia. On his tombstone in Portsmouth, is the following:

The Remains of SUPPLY CLAPP, Esq., are here deposited.
His whole life uniformly correct and praiseworthy.
He died March 24, 1811, aged 69 years.

Sweet is the memory of the just,
When mingled with their kindred dust.

97. SAMUEL,[5] born about June, 1745; m. Oct. 21, 1790, Desire Lamb, of Boston; d. in 1809. He lived in Boston, and did a large business as auctioneer, &c.

These children of Rev. Supply[4] ever retained a grateful recollection of their native town; they made frequent visits to it, lingering about the spot which was the scene of their childhood. About 1790, they presented the church, over which their father had labored, with a large folio bible for the use of the pulpit.

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THOMAS[4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Roger*[1]), youngest son of Samuel and Mary (Paul) Clapp, was born July 5, 1713; died Aug. 11, 1798. He was married, Sept. 16, 1735, to Elizabeth Preston, by whom he had ten children. She died May 25, 1770, aged 55 years. He married, second, Abigail Lane, Jan. 30, 1772, and she died Nov. 20, 1779. He was a very respectable man, and for a long time was sexton to the church in Dorchester. The following account of him was published in a Boston newspaper a short time after his decease:—"Died, at Dorchester, Mr. Thomas Clap, Æ. 86. This venerable person was the oldest man in the town. With the blessing of heaven upon his singular industry, frugality, temperance and piety, he enjoyed an almost uninterrupted share of health, until within a few weeks of his decease; and was enabled to bring up comfortably a large family of children (seven of whom survive him) without ever owning so much as a quarter of an acre of land. For more than 60 years, he has been a member of the Church, and during that time was but twice absent from the monthly communion of the Lord's Supper (and that was in his late sickness), amounting to more than 700 participations. For half a century, he walked almost every week to the Boston Thursday lecture. Thirty-six years he was sexton to the town, and in that time interred one thousand and seventy-nine persons." He lived in a house near what is now the corner of Columbia and Hancock streets, on the east side, which was pulled down about 1836. He owned this house and first moved into it in November, 1743. When first married, he lived in a part of Capt. Preserved Capen's house, and afterwards in the widow Paul's house. Within a few feet of the spot where his own house stood, his granddaughter, widow Oliver Bird, erected a house in 1844.

Children of THOMAS and ELIZABETH (Preston) CLAPP:

+98. THOMAS,[5] b. Aug. 14, 1736; d. Sept. 7, 1807, aged 71 years.

99. JAMES,[5] b. Nov. 17, 1737; d. Nov. 10, 1765. He probably enlisted in the army.

100. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Feb. 28, 1739; drowned in a wash tub, May 7, 1740.

101. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Nov. 28, 1741; m. Mr. Rumrill, of Roxbury.

102. SAMUEL,[5] b. Dec. 23, 1744; removed to Hanover, N. H., and from thence to Royalston, Mass. He married, and had children, *Samuel*,[6] *Anna*,[6] and *Eustatius*[6]; the first of whom is said to have been killed by falling from a load of hay.

103. DANIEL,[5] b. Jan. 15, 1746. He removed, with his brother Samuel, to Hanover, N. H., and Royalston, Mass.; was married, and had three children: *Daniel*,[6] *Elizabeth*[6] never married, and another daughter, name unknown. His wife d. Nov. 19, 1786.

104. CHARLES,[5] b. June 25, 1749; d. Aug. 14, 1752.

105. MARY,[5] b. March 26, 1752; m. Mr. Bagley, and lived in Williamsburg.

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106. SARAH,[5] b. Aug. 17, 1754; m. Thomas Lyon, of Dorchester. After her death, her husband, in 1841, when about 80 ys. old, married another Sarah Clapp (b. 1794), dau. of Seth Clapp, of Dorchester, who is now (1875) wife of Josiah Davenport, of Needham.

107. ESTHER,[5] b. Feb. 21, 1757; m. George Davenport, May 24, 1780.

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PRESERVED[4] (*Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Capt. Preserved[3] and Mehitable (Warner) Clapp, was born July 28, 1705. He married, Aug. 20, 1730, Sarah West and lived in Amherst (or Hadley), Mass. He died Oct. 18, 1758, aged 53 years.

Children of PRESERVED and SARAH (West) CLAPP:

+108. PRESERVED,[5] b. May 6, 1731.

109. SARAH,[5] b. Feb. 15, 1733; m. Jan. 13, 1751, Ebenezer Kellogg, of Amherst.

110. LUCY,[5] b. Nov. 10, 1737; m. Jan. 4, 1760, Martin Smith.

111. IRENE,[5] b. Nov. 12, 1740; m. March 1, 1759, Noadiah Lewis, of Amherst. She d. Oct. 10, 1830, aged 89 years.

112. MIRIAM,[5] b. June 25, 1743; d. Aug. 23, 1743.

113. OLIVER,[5] b. July 18, 1744; d. Oct. 25, 1832, aged 88 years. He m. Elizabeth Mattoon, sister of Gen. Mattoon, and settled in Amherst. She d. Oct. 27, 1830. Children:

114. *Oliver*,[6] m. Lucinda, dau. of Nathan Adams, of Leverett. He d. at the age of 24 years. Issue: i. *Oliver Morrison*,[7] who lived in Amherst; m. May 10, 1826, Mary Ann, dau. of Asa F. Reed, M.D., and had: (1) *Anna Maria Porter*,[8] b. Sept. 8, 1827, m. Aug. 24, 1852, John H. Bardwell, of Hartford, Ct.; (2) *Elizabeth M.*,[8] b. May, 1830, d. July 1, 1831; (3) *Charles D.*,[8] b. May 25, 1833. Lucinda, after the death of her husband, Oliver Clapp,[6] m. Asahel Blodgett.

115. *Preserved*,[6] b. Feb. 17, 1776; d. Sept. 2, 1776.

116. MARY,[5] b. about 1747.

117. TIMOTHY,[5] baptized May 21, 1749; m. Sarah Field, and settled in Amherst. He left one daughter *Patty*,[6] who m. Nov. 26, 1801, Elihu Belding, of Amherst, and was living in 1846.

118. WILLIAM,[5] bap. Aug. 1752; was a clockmaker; m. and settled in Westminster. Children:

119. *West*,[6] lived in Westminster, and left no family.

120. *Silas*,[6] m. and had two sons, *William*[7] and *Sanford*.[7]

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JOHN[4] (*Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in 1708. He married, Feb. 10, 1732, Eunice Parsons, and removed to Montague. He was a man eminent for his piety and his eloquence in prayer, and was rich in all the christian graces.

Children of JOHN and EUNICE (Parsons) CLAPP, of Montague:

121. EUNICE,[5] b. Feb. 15, 1733; m. May 9, 1754, Joseph Root.

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122. MEHITABLE,[5] b. July 18, 1735; probably d. young.

+123. JOHN,[5] b. March 3, 1738.

124. MARTHA,[5] b. Oct. 4, 1740; was called Patty; probably lived to grow up, but never married.

125. DANIEL,[5] b. Aug. 7, 1743. He was for many years deputy Sheriff in old Hampshire county. He married ..... Root, and had two sons and ten daughters. The sons were:

126. *Parsons*,[6] b. in 1772; d. Feb. 27, 1854. He m. in 1796, Phebe Wells; lived in old Springfield when he was a young man, and was deputy Sheriff. The latter part of his life he resided in Montague, and died in Wilmington. Children: **i.** *Henry Wells*,[7] b. in 1798; d. April, 1869; he m. first, in 1823, Eliza Baldwin; second, June 28, 1833, Ann C. Hilliard. A goldsmith by trade; was once in business in Newark, N. J., subsequently in the city of New York, and afterwards in Greenfield; at his death he left a large estate. Children by first wife: (1) *Caroline*,[8] b. about 1824, m. Hon. Daniel W. Alford, and d. soon after; (2) *Cornelia*[8]; (3) *Henry Baldwin*,[8] killed in battle in 1862; (4) *Elizabeth Johnson*.[8] Children by second wife: (5) *Frederick*,[8] b. May 18, 1834, m. April 15, 1863, Ella Pierce, of Boston; (6) *Henrietta*,[8] b. Nov. 23, 1836, d. Nov. 21, 1854; (7) *Emeline*,[8] b. June 20, 1838, d. Sept. 14, 1849; (8) *Isabella*,[8] b. Jan. 15, 1840, m. July 15, 1864, Francis B. Russell, who d. of consumption in 1868. **ii.** *Daniel*,[7] liv. in Charlestown, N.H. **iii.** *Robert*,[7] m. and lived in Ohio. **iv.** *William*,[7] m. and lived in Saratoga, N. Y.; was a tanner by trade, and was blind for many years. **v.** *Lois H.*,[7] lived in Springfield. **vi.** *Benjamin Winthrop*,[7] a jeweller in New York city; m. in 1836, Mary B. Hill. Children: (1) *Mary Elizabeth*,[8] b., Feb. 1837; (2) *William Hill*,[8] b. in 1839, d. in 1844; (3) *Samuel Dennett*,[8] b. Dec. 1840. **vii.** *John T.*,[7] lived in N. York city; m. June, 1846, Mary Cascaden, and had one child, *Charles Augustus*,[8] b. in 1847.

127. *Winthrop*,[6] was a Captain; by trade a carpenter; m. and had: **i.** *Nelson*,[7] b. about 1806; was a farmer. **ii.** *Julius*,[7] a carpenter by trade, and removed south. **iii.** *Horace*,[7] was also a carpenter. **iv.** *William*.[7]

128. SOLOMON,[6] b. in 1751; d. Sept. 15, 1838. He m. first, March 5, 1781, Lois Bardwell, who d. June 30, 1789; second, in 1804, widow Anna Allen, of Bernardston, who d. March 21, 1842. He was a Captain. Children by first wife:

129. *Mehitable*,[6] b. March 5, 1782; m. Sept. 10, 1805, Benjamin S. Wells.

130. *Polly*,[6] b. April 3, 1784; d. in 1787.

131. *Henry*,[6] b. in 1786; d. Sept. 9, 1838. He was *non compos*, and never married.

132. *Eliphaz*,[6] b. Feb. 2, 1788; m. Nov. 21, 1811, Charlotte Gunn. Children: **i.** *Mary*,[7] b. Dec. 3, 1812; m. June, 1850, Henry Slate; d. April 24, 1864. **ii.** *Wellington*,[7] b. Sept. 19, 1816; m. Cornelia T. Plumb, of Charlestown, N. H.; was afterwards a merchant in New York city. Children: (1) *Emma*,[8] b. July 24, 1845, m. Jan. 10, 1866, Robert Cochran, of New York;

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(2) *Henry*,[8] b. March 16, 1847; (3) *Frederic*,[8] b. Aug. 19, 1851, in Manchester, Eng., m. Jan. 1, 1872, Emma A. Mansfield, lives in Iowa, and has a son, *Frederick W.*,[9] b. April 22, 1873; (4) *Cornelia*,[8] b. Jan. 13, 1853; (5) *Edward*,[8] b. June 26, 1854, d. Sept. 19, 1854; (6) *Louisa Burnham*,[8] b. June 4, 1858; (7) *Wellington*,[8] b. July 6, 1860. **iii.** *Salmon*,[7] b. Sept. 24, 1817; m. Dec. 21, 1848, Harriet Burnett, of Morgan co., Alabama, and had one son who d. an infant; was a physician in Calbert, Lowndes co., Miss., where he died July 10, 1852. **iv.** *Richard*,[7] b. Nov. 29, 1819; is a farmer in Montague; m. Oct. 7, 1847, Eunice A. Slate, and had: (1) *Cornelia Maria*,[8] b. March 17, 1849; (2) *Richard Leighton*,[8] b. March 21, 1851; (3) *Harriet*,[8] b. July 28, 1853; (4) *Mary Elizabeth*,[8] b. Jan. 26, 1856; (5) *Walter*,[8] b. April 6, 1858, d. May 15, 1859; (6) *Charles Wellington*,[8] b. Jan. 4, 1863. **v.** *Charlotte Warner*,[7] b. Dec. 16, 1829; m. Oscar W. Dean, and lived in Townsend, Vt. **vi.** *De Witt Clinton*,[7] b. Nov. 9, 1835; m. Aug. 19, 1850, Polly A. Cruttenden; merchant in Iowa City, Iowa. Children: (1) *Edwy Clinton*,[8] b. in Brooklyn, N. Y., June 7, 1851; (2) *Charles De Witt*,[8] b. in Brooklyn, Dec. 9, 1854; (3) *Lewis Williams*,[8] b. in Dundee, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1857; (4) *Harriet Agnes*,[8] b. Dec. 4, 1858; (5) *Robert Noble*,[8] b. Feb. 21, 1861; (6) *George Lyman*,[8] b. March 13, 1866, d. Aug. 22, 1866; the last three born in Iowa City. Eliphaz[6] and Charlotte had two other children who died young.

133. Elihu,[5] m. Jane B ....., who d. Dec. 17, 1840. Children:
  134. *Thaddeus*,[6] b. Sept. 15, 1779; d. Sept. 13, 1854. He m. May 10, 1808, Nancy Ruggles, who d. April 3, 1848. He was a farmer in Montague. Children: **i.** *Zenas*,[7] b. Oct. 17, 1810; m. Sept. 14, 1822, Pamelia Clay. **ii.** *Sybil T.*,[7] b. Sept. 19, 1812. **iii.** *Eunice K.*,[7] b. Feb. 1, 1814; d. Aug. 24, 1843. **iv.** *Mary Ann*,[7] b. July 10, 1817.
  135. *Eliku*,[6] bedridden for more than thirty years.
  136. *Noadiah*,[6] d. unmarried.
  137. *Pamelia*.[6]
138. Susan,[5] m. Mr. Root, father of Col. Root.
139. Eleanor,[5] probably d. young.
140. Sarah,[5] d. in infancy.

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ELIPHAZ[4] (*Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in 1711. He married Rachel Parsons about 1743, and had six daughters but no sons that lived to grow up. He died about 1783, and his wife died July 11, 1762.

Children of Eliphaz and Rachel (Parsons) Clapp, of Northampton:

141. Rachel.[5]
142. Naomi,[5] b. May 4, 1744.
143. Eliphaz,[5] b. Jan. 29, 1746; d. Aug. 28, 1748.

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144. ELIJAH,[5] b. April 23, 1748; d. July 24, 1749.
145. MINDWELL,[5] b. Feb. 23, 1749.
146. MIRIAM,[5] b. Jan. 25, 1751.
147. RHODA,[5] b. Aug. 29, 1753.
148. MARGARET,[5] b. April 1, 1756.
One of the daughters d. July, 1748.

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EZRA[4] (*Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), youngest son of Captain Preserved and Mehitable (Warner) Clapp, was born May 20, 1716. Wife Margaret, and he removed to Westfield.

Children of EZRA and wife MARGARET CLAPP:

149. MOLLY,[5] m. Elihu Emerson.
150. MARGARET,[5] m. Mr. Shepard.
151. DOLLY,[5] m. Mr. Atwater.
152. LYDIA.[5]
+153. EZRA,[5] b. May 24, 1760; d. June 17, 1838.
154. CHARLOTTE.[5]

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SAMUEL[4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Samuel and his third wife, Mary (Sheldon) Clapp, was born Nov. 11, 1711. He married, Nov. 23, 1732, Mindwell, daughter of Waitstill Strong, of Northampton, and removed, about 1744, to Southampton, where he died, Aug 28, 1775.

Children of SAMUEL and MINDWELL (Strong) CLAPP:

+155. ELIJAH,[5] b. May 3, 1736.
+156. JEHIEL[5] (or Ahiel), b. Aug. 25, 1738.
+157. TIMOTHY,[5] b. Aug. 16, 1740; m. Rachel Bascom.
158. SAMUEL,[5] b. Nov. 8, 1742; d. May 10, 1761; was a lieutenant; m. Sarah Parsons, and had a son:
159. *Martin*,[6] b. about 1778, who m. Lucretia Farnham, of Blandford, and had: **i.** *Clarissa*,[7] b. Jan. 1, 1807, and d. young. **ii.** *Clarissa*,[7] b. Oct 28, 1809; m. Aug. 30, 1846, Solomon Todd, of Easthampton. **iii.** *Samuel* F.,[7] b. Sept. 17, 1811; m. Nov. 26, 1836, Chloe E. Waters; is a mason, in Hartford, Ct.; has two sons, *Hiram S.*[8] and *John W.*,[8] the former of whom m. Oct. 17, 1860, Maria J. Stedman, and had a son *William*,[9] b. March 16, 1864. **iv.** *Martin Parsons*,[7] b. June 27, 1814; m. April 26, 1860, Almira S. Finch, and had a daughter, *Hattie Bell*,[8] b. April 3, 1861, d. April 12, 1861. **v.** *Asa B.*,[7] b. Feb. 3, 1817; m. Elvira Sackett. **vi.** *Sarah*,[7] b. March 29, 1819; d. Jan. 27, 1860; m. Nov., 1850, Ring Pomeroy. **vii.** *Keziah W.*,[7] b. May 8, 1821; not m. in 1870. **viii.** *Reuben*,[7] b. Nov. 4, 1823. **ix.** *Eunice*,[7] b. April, 1826. **x.** *Elizabeth*,[7] b. Aug. 1827; m. Daniel Knight.
+160. SELAH,[5] b. May 16, 1744; d. May, 1794.

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161. PHINEAS,[5] b. Dec. 19, 1745; d. in 1816; wife Prinus, and had:
  162. *Phineas*,[6] who had two sons *Salmon*[7] and *Hophni*[7].
  163. *Robinson*,[6] b. Jan. 23, 1775; d. Aug. 7, 1815; m. Nov. 14, 1799, Ruth Topliff, and had: **i.** *Princess*,[7] b. Dec. 9, 1800, m. Stephen Wolcott; **ii.** *Lydia*,[7] b. Sept. 29, 1804; **iii.** *Rusina*,[7] b. July 27, 1807, m. Thomas Howard; **iv.** *Almira L.*,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1810; **v.** *Mary T.*,[7] b. May 14, 1812.
  164. *Hophni*,[6] m. and had: **i.** *Hophni*,[7] b. July 20, 1801; d. April 12, 1856; a farmer; m. Oct. 31, 1850, Mary E. Fuller, of Southampton, b. Jan. 12, 1825, and had: (1) *Calvin H.*,[8] b. Jan. 26, 1852; (2) *Horace E.*,[8] b. June 14, 1856.
165. MINDWELL,[5] b. Oct. 10, 1747; m., in 1772, Solomon Strong.
166. MARY,[5] b. in 1749; m. Bela Parsons.
167. MOSES,[5] b. in 1751; m. and had:
  168. *Russell*,[6] b. Jan. 28, 1784; d. Oct. 16, 1820; m. Sibbil Baker, of Westhampton, and removed to Otisco, N. Y. Children: **i.** *Sibilla P.*,[7] b. March 8, 1810; m. March 5, 1832, Horace E. Strong, and had three children. **ii.** *Moses*,[7] b. March 10, 1812; m. July 4, 1837, Almira Russell. Children: (1) *Otis Baker*,[8] b. Aug. 20, 1842, a carriage maker in Southampton, m. Nov. 12, 1867, Sarah A. Burt; (2) *Dwight Moses*,[8] b. June 5, 1846; a dentist in Boston; m. May 8, 1872, Clara Josephine Simonds. **iii.** *Russell*,[7] b. Nov. 2, 1813; m. Dec. 28, 1837, Maxamilla Heath, and they settled in South Milford, Indiana. Children: (1) *Andrews R.*,[8] b. March 15, 1840, is a carpenter, and lives in Indiana, m. May 28, 1861, Eliza J. McClughen; (2) *Timothy*,[8] b. Jan. 6, 1845, d. Jan. 7, 1845; (3) *Sybil L.*,[8] b. June 3, 1846; m. Dec. 24, 1861, Mr. Oliver Wright. **iv.** *Artemas*,[7] b. July 29, 1816. **v.** *Timothy O.*,[7] b. Aug. 30, 1818; was adopted by Amos Lee, and took the name of Timothy O. Lee; m. and had five children. **vi.** *Eunice D.*,[7] b. Sept. 13, 1820; m. May 10, 1848, James E. Strong, and lived at Huntsburg, Ohio.
169. NATHANIEL,[5] d. May 23, 1825; m. Rebekah Searle, and had:
  170. *Nathaniel*,[6] d. young.
  171. *Rebeckah*,[6] b. Sept. 4, 1804; m. Oct. 3, 1827, Aretus Pomroy, of Southampton.
  172. *Chauncy*,[6] b. Jan. 12, 1807; m. Nov. 29, 1826, Fidelia Miller, of W. Springfield, and had: **i.** *Chauncy M.*,[7] b. Nov. 9, 1827; d. Dec. 20, 1853. **ii.** *Eunice C.*,[7] b. Oct. 3, 1831; m. June 3, 1852, Flavel K. Sheldon; d. July 18, 1861. **iii.** *Delia Ann*,[7] b. Feb. 1, 1837; m. June 16, 1858, Henry C. Strong. **iv.** *Jennet M.*,[7] b. June 30, 1839; d. Aug. 3, 1840. **v.** *Francis D.*,[7] b. July 19, 1842; d. Sept. 19, 1845. **vi.** *Jennet M.*,[7] b. March 9, 1847; d. Jan. 11, 1848.
173. LEMUEL.[5]

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SETH[4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born July 14, 1716. Wife Esther, and he lived in Northampton, where he died July 4, 1754.

Children of SETH and wife ESTHER CLAPP:

174. AMASA,[5] b. June 28, 1743; was Lieut.-Colonel, and removed to Chesterfield; m. and had children:
    175. *Ira*,[6] m. Judith Weld, and lived in Chesterfield.
    176. *Salmon*.[6]
177. MARY,[5] b. Jan. 18, 174–; m. in 1778, Nathaniel Edwards, of Northampton, being his second wife.
178. ESTHER,[5] d. July 6, 1745.
179. SETH,[5] b. May, 3, 1746; d. April 13, 1814; m. Feb. 28, 1771, Esther Rust. He was a carpenter, and lived in Northampton. Children:
    180. *Chester*.[6]
    181. *Seth*,[6] b. March 3, 1772; d. Nov. 1823; m. Thankful Starr, and lived in Northampton. Had a daughter *Mary Ann*,[7] b. Nov. 27, 1804, who m. Henry Strong in 1830.
    182. *Esther*,[6] b. March 2, 1774; d. Feb. 6, 1861; m. Elijah Cook, of Northampton.
    183. *Spencer*,[6] b. Dec. 3, 1777; d. in the winter of 1815–16; m. Diana Phelps, and lived in Northampton.
    184. *Luther*,[6] b. Nov. 21, 1779; d. Jan. 10, 1803, on the borders of the Mississippi.
    185. *Paulina*,[6] b. June 16, 1782; d. unm. Oct. 6, 1834.
    186. *Lydia*,[6] b. Oct. 25, 1784; d. Dec. 2, 1818; m. Mr. Emerson, of Newburyport.
    187. *Ansel*,[6] b. Feb. 13, 1788; d. Sept. 11, 1866; m. Eunice Wright, and lived in Westhampton. Children: **i.** *Luther*,[7] b. Oct. 19, 1819; m. June 24, 1845, Harriet P. Stedman; clergyman in Wisconsin; had children: (1) *Harriet P.*,[8] b. Aug. 19, 1846, and m. Henry Watner; (2) *Emma L.*,[8] b. July 3, 1848; (3) *Mary A.*,[8] b. April, 1850; (4) *Wardlaw Ansel*,[8] b. April 5, 1853; (5) *Sarah B.*,[8] b. Nov. 29, 1855; (6) *Grace D. W.*,[8] b. Oct. 24, 1859. **ii.** *Reuben Wright*,[7] b. Sept. 19, 1821; farmer in Westhampton; m. Susan T. Burt, and had children: (1) *Ellen Louise*,[8] b. Feb. 15, 1854; (2) *Laura Hale*,[8] b. Feb. 19, 1856; (3) *George Burt*,[8] b. Nov. 3, 1857; (4) *Lyman Wright*,[8] b. Sept. 5, 1859; (5) *Martha Frances*,[8] b. March 30, 1862; (6) *Edwin Bissell*,[8] b. May 17, 1864; (7) *Susan Maria*,[8] b. Dec. 7, 1866, d. Sept. 15, 1869; (8) *Mary Anna*,[8] b. Nov. 25, 1868. **iii.** *Harriet F.*,[7] b. Jan. 9, 1825; d. unm. in 1871. **iv.** *Sophia*,[7] b. March 29, 1828; m. June 17, 1858, Alfred D. Montague.
    188. *Sophia*,[6] (twin with Ansel[6]) b. Feb. 13, 1788; m. Spencer Clark, of Northampton.
    189. *Belinda*.[6]
190. PAUL,[5] probably the Paul Clapp who was a soldier at the siege of Quebec, in Capt. Hubbard's company, and was taken prisoner.
191. CATHARINE.[5]

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EBENEZER[4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), youngest son of Samuel and Mary (Sheldon) Clapp, was born Oct. 13, 1726. He married Catharine Catlin, who died April 21, 1798. They lived in Northampton. He was a soldier in Capt. Phineas Stevens's company in 1746, and was in the fight with the French and Indians at No. 4 (now Charlestown, N. H.). He was also in Capt. William Lyman's company, and was out in the service in the month of November, 1747. He died Sept. 22, 1797. According to the Records of Deerfield, there was an Ebenezer Clapp who married Katharine Catlin, Jan. 10, 1750.

Children of EBENEZER and CATHARINE (Catlin) CLAPP:

+192. EBENEZER,[5] d. about 1840.

193. ESTHER,[5] m. Asahel Clapp (No. 280), grandson of Roger, Jr., of Northampton.

194. OLIVER,[5] settled in Westhampton, and m. three times, his third wife being a Mrs. Smith. Children:

195. *Richard*,[6] m. Anna Alford, moved to Ohio, had a large family, and d. there. Children: **i.** *Martha*,[7] m. David Ring, and d. before 1870. **ii.** *Maria*,[7] m. Mr. Dimoc. **iii.** *Lucinda*,[7] m. first, George Claflin; m. second, ... Parsons. **iv.** *Asenith*,[7] m. George Bell. **v.** *Anna*,[7] d. before 1870. **vi.** *Christopher C.*,[7] b. in Jericho, Vt., May 30, 1799; d. Dec. 1868; m. first, Harriet Colson; m. second, Clara M. Bond; removed to Onondaga Co., Vt., about 1820. Chil.: (1) *John T.*,[8] b. March 22, 1823; (2) *Celia A.*,[8] b. Sept. 8, 1827; (3) *Horace C.*,[8] b. July 9, 1829; (4) *Oscar S.*,[8] b. Aug. 28, 1831, d. Nov. 14, 1832; (5) *Louisa M.*,[8] b. Nov. 6, 1833; (6) *Orson S.*,[8] b. April 7, 1836; (7) *Irving F.*,[8] b. June 10, 1838; (8) *Isaac H.*,[8] b. Oct. 15, 1840; **vii.** *Oliver*,[7] m. Melissa Wait. **viii.** *Philena*,[7] m. William Cook. **ix.** *Climena*,[7] m. Gilson Judd. **x.** *Caroline*,[7] m. Luther Ranney.

196. *Charles*,[6] son of second wife, went to Ohio, m. and had: **i.** *Sylvester*,[7] who married. **ii.** *Sophia*,[7] and **iii.** *Eliza*,[7] both of whom married.

197. *Martha*,[6] m. Zenas Wright, of Northampton, and had five children.

198. DOROTHY,[5] b. March 15, 1757; d. Dec. 28, 1830; m. March 16, 1783, Medad Parsons, and had three children.

199. ELIHU,[5] b. June 21, 1761; d. Aug. 8, 1845; farmer at Northampton; m. in 1800, Jane B. Munroe. Children:

200. *Harriet*,[6] b. July 27, 1801; m. Oct. 6, 1830, David W. Willard, of Springfield, and d. soon after.

201. *Lewis*,[6] b. Sept. 18, 1803; d. April 9, 1809.

202. *David Munroe*,[6] b. Sept. 22, 1806, in Northampton; d. March 29, 1875; m. Lydia F. Rice, and had: **i.** *Harriet*,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1838; d. Feb. 7, 1839. **ii.** *Jane B.*,[7] b. May 20, 1841. **iii.** *Frederic*,[7] b. June 18, 1843. **iv.** *Harriet Louise*,[7] b. Oct. 29, 1853.

203. THOMAS,[5] m. Diadema Kellogg, and settled in Westhampton; d. in 1798. Children:

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204. *Henry,*[6] b. Nov. 7, 1789; living in Northampton in 1870; m. Aug. 17, 1815, Nancy Root, and had: **i.** *Edward,*[7] b. Aug. 3, 1816; a farmer in Northampton; m. April 20, 1843, Cynthia Sacket, who died, and he m. second, May 19, 1847, Angeline C. Adams, and had: (1) *Edward Thompson,*[8] b. Feb. 14, 1851. **ii.** *Nelson,*[7] b. June 2, 1819; a farmer in Northampton; unmarried in 1870. **iii.** *Henry,*[7] b. Feb. 16, 1822; a farmer in Northampton; m. June 11, 1849, Eliza Ann Bartlett. **iv.** *Anson Morris,*[7] b. May 10, 1824; a joiner in Northampton; m. June 9, 1866, Miriam Alline, and have: (1) *Mary N.,*[8] b. June 30, 1868. **v.** *James,*[7] b. March 28, 1827; a farmer in Northampton; m. Oct. 11, 1860, Juliaette Amelia Mellen, and have: (1) *Henry M.,*[8] b. June 28, 1863; (2) *Anna Juliaette,*[8] b. Dec. 21, 1868. **vi.** *John Chapin,*[7] b. July 16, 1831; a mechanic in Northampton; m. Huldah Martindale.

205. *James,*[6] dead in 1870.

206. *Morris,*[6] dead in 1870.

207. *Thomas.*[6] There was a Thomas Clapp who m. Phebe Blackman in 1811; dead in 1870.

208. *Diadema,*[6] dead in 1870.

+209. SYLVANUS,[5] b. in 1764; d. April 14, 1847, aged 83 years.

+210. CEPHAS,[5] b. Feb. 17, 1766.

211. WILLIAM,[5] b. Jan. 14, 1767; d. Dec. 8, 1839, unmarried. He was a very eccentric man and traded in cattle, which he was very skilful in selecting; used to drive them to Boston.*

212. JOHN,[5] probably m. Lucy Clark, April 24, 1797, and settled in Northampton. Had quite a family of children, but died a comparatively young man. A son, *Lucius,*[6] m. and has children.

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ROGER[4] (*Roger,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Roger and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Clapp, of Northampton, was born April 3, 1708. He removed to Southampton. He was in the army in 1748–49, in the regiment under the command of Major Israel Williams. Wife Ann.

Children of ROGER and wife ANN CLAPP, of Southampton:

+213. ABNER,[5] b. in 1737; d. Dec. 5, 1800.

+214. JOEL,[5] b. in 1737, twin brother of Abner.

215. ANN,[5] b. Dec. 21, 174–.

216. ELIZABETH.[5]

217. ABIGAIL,[5] b. Jan. 20, 1745; m. in 1779, John Strong, a farmer of Southampton, being his second wife. They were parents of the Rev. Lyman Strong. She d. Feb. 10, 1821.

* It is related of him that on one occasion while driving sheep to Boston on Sunday, in passing a church during divine service, one of the sheep, being tired, ran into the church, and would not come out. He tried to send a boy in after it, but the boy was shy and would not go. So he went himself, caught the sheep and was bringing it out, when the minister remarked to him, "The beast has more respect to the house of God than you." To which he replied, "The Scripture tells us the sheep are to be separated from the goats!"

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218. ROGER,[5] b. Aug. 20, 1747; d. in 1816; wife Zeruiah. Children:
219. *Dennis*,[6] m., and went West; returned and d. in Southampton.
220. *Russell*,[6] b. March 7, 1786; m. Oct., 1811, Louisa, dau. of Deacon Roswell Strong, of Southampton; removed to Liberty, Ohio, was a farmer there, and d. in December, 1854. His wife d. April 9, 1855. Their children were: **i.** *Emily Bissell*,[7] b. Nov. 14, 1813; m. Lester W. Cook. **ii.** *Charles W.*,[7] b. Jan. 22, 1817; was educated at Western Reserve College; settled as minister over several churches, and in 1864 was Prof. of Rhetoric and English Literature in Iowa College; m. 1849, Jane P., dau. of John Basset, of New Haven, Ct., and had five children, of whom the two eldest sons were in College in 1870. **iii.** *Russell Kellogg*,[7] b. Oct. 5, 1823; m. July, 1852, Amelia Clough; a farmer in Liberty, Ohio, and had children: (1) *Theodore S.*,[8] b. July 2, 1853; (2) *Jeanie Louisa*,[8] b. July 14, 1855. **iv.** *Sarah Amanda*,[7] b. Oct. 1, 1828; m. John E. Cowdrick.
221. *Rufus C.*[6]
222. *Angeline.*[6]
223. *Ann*,[6] m. Simeon Lyman.
224. *Sally*,[6] b. June, 1788; m. first, Aug., 1808, Bela Strong, who d. Jan. 16, 1819; second, Aaron Parsons, of Easthampton. She d. Sept. 11, 1848.
225. *Tirzah*,[6] m. Barnabas Pomroy.
226. STEPHEN,[5] b. Dec. 10, 1749; was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; was in the vicinity of Boston, and d. there Aug. 25, 1775. His kinsmen in Dorchester had his remains brought to that town and laid in the old burying-ground, where a gravestone was erected to his memory.
227. LYDIA,[5] b. Aug. 25, 1752.
228. PEREZ,[5] b. June 14, 1757; m. first, Mary, dau. of Rev. Joseph Strong, of Williamsburg, Mass.; second wife, not ascertained. Children by first wife:
229. *Polly*,[6] b. Oct. 22, 1785; m. Stephen Pomroy; d. Dec. 24, 1852.
230. *Perez Mann*,[6] b. May 5, 1788; d. unm. Oct. 11, 1815.
231. *Fanny*,[6] b. Nov. 23, 1790; m. Hon. Linus Bagg.
232. *Betsey*,[6] b. March 2, 1793; m. Thomas Lyman.
233. *Jane*,[6] b. March 28, 1795; m. Luther Colton, of Marcellus, N. Y.
234. *Clarissa*,[6] b. Jan. 7. 1798; m. Moses Lyman, of Chester, N. H. Children by second wife:
235. *Mehitable*,[6] m. Mr. Arnold.
236. *Joseph B.*,[6] is a lawyer in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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JONATHAN[4] (*Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Roger and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Clapp, of Northampton, and brother of the preceding, was born in 1713; removed to Easthampton, being one of the first settlers of the town. He married Submit Strong, and had a large family of children, all of whom married and lived to be over

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60 years of age. He was a man of great energy of character, and was prominent in all matters connected with the early settlement of Easthampton. He lived with his uncle, Joseph Bartlett, and helped him carry on the ancient mill. Mr. Bartlett, having no children of his own, gave the mill to his nephew Jonathan, who also kept a hotel at Easthampton. He was a Major in the militia. He died May 10, 1782, aged 69 years.

Children of JONATHAN and SUBMIT (Strong) CLAPP:

†237. JONATHAN,[5] b. Oct. 8, 1735.
†238. JOSEPH,[5] b. Nov. 3, 1736.
†239. BENJAMIN,[5] b. Dec. 16, 1738; d. Nov. 8, 1815.
240. SUBMIT,[5] b. Oct. 14, 1741; m. Asahel Clark, of Easthampton.
241. HANNAH,[5] b. June 15, 1742; m. Elias Lyman. They kept a tavern in Northampton in 1764.
242. LUCY,[5] b. Aug. 1744; m. in 1764, Samuel Kellogg, of Williamstown.
243. RHODA,[5] b. Dec. 19, 1746; m. Col. Daniel Whittemore.
244. LOIS,[5] b. Oct. 1748; m. first, Jonathan Lyman, and second, Capt. Joseph Day, of West Springfield.
245. PHEBE,[5] b. in 1749; m. Joseph White, of Springfield; moved to Camillus, N. Y.
246. BEULAH,[5] bapt. Dec. 30, 1750; m. Rev. Solomon Allen, of Brighton, N. Y., ancestor of Phineas Allen, for nearly sixty years editor of the Pittsfield Sun.
247. MERAB,[5] bapt. Oct. 19, 1755; m. Elisha Allen, of Pittsfield; and for second husband, in 1805, Oliver Root, of Conway.

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AARON[4] (*Roger,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born Jan. 30, 1715. He married Jemima Bartlett, and moved to what is now Easthampton.

Children of AARON and JEMIMA (Bartlett) CLAPP:

248. AARON,[5] b. April 5, 1748; m., and moved to the western part of New York State in 1808, and had:
249. *Aaron,*[6] b. June 6, 1771; d. May 1, 1830; m. Feb. 16, 1798, Rebecca, dau. of Noah Strong, of Westhampton, b. April 19, 1770, and d. Aug. 31, 1834. They resided in Easthampton. Children: **I.** *Octavia,*[7] b. Sept., 1799; d. Oct. 1801. **II.** *Aaron,*[7] b. Aug. 26, 1801; lived in Hartford, Ct.; m. June 22, 1829, Priscilla Hurlburt; d. Nov. 18, 1860. Chil.: (1) *Thomas H.,*[8] b. March 10, 1830, d. about 1837; (2) *Harriet D.,*[8] b. April 24, 1831, d. July, 1832; (3) *Harriet D.,*[8] b. Aug. 1, 1832, m. Jan., 1854, James H. Warner, and had one son and one daughter; (4) *Jane,*[8] b. in 1835, d. Sept. 8, 1839; (5) *Isabella J.,*[8] b. Feb. 22, 1845, m. Nov. 30, 1871, Henry B. Starr, of New York; (6) *Anna S.,*[8] b. Sept. 22, 1847, m. Byron J. Benedict, of Cortland, N. Y. **III.** *Octavia,*[7] b. June 4, 1803; m. Feb. 12, 1837, Jared C. Burdick; d. Nov. 18, 1864. **IV.** *Rebecca,*[7] b. Aug. 28, 1805; m. July 3,

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1828, at Easthampton, Abram Temple, and had four children. **v.** *Hannah*,[7] b. Sept. 1807; d. Dec. 1810. **vi.** *Roland S.*,[7] b. Oct. 26, 1809; d. in New Haven, Aug. 5, 1843, unm. **vii.** *Eunice A.*,[7] b. Oct. 28, 1811; m. Lewis B. Page. **viii.** *Hannah*,[7] b. Feb. 5, 1816; m. first, Sept. 4, 1839, Leander C. Burnham, and had two children.

250. *Alanson*,[6] m. ..... Luddington.
251. *Quartus*,[6] m., and lived in New York State; had a daughter *Electa*,[7] who m. Lysander C. Avery.
252. *Ira*.[6]
253. *Nathan*,[6] m. .....
254. *Adolphus*.[6]
255. *Bela*,[6] m. Electa Packard, and left sons: **i.** *Bela*.[7] **ii.** *Sumner*.[7] **iii.** *Stebbins*.[7]
256. *Benoni*.[6]
257. *Harvey*.[6]
258. *Diodema*.[6]
259. *Phebe*.[6]
260. *Jemima*.[6]
261. *Lovisa*.[6]
262. *Daughter*.[6]
263. *Daughter*.[6]
264. DAVID,[5] b. Sept. 9, 1750; probably lived in Easthampton with his father. He married, and left at least one son, *Pomeroy*.[6] He is said to have been killed in the revolutionary war.
265. JEMIMA,[5] b. Oct. 26, 1752; m. Paul Sheldon.
266. ACHSAH,[5] m. John Duvoy.
267. LEVI,[5] b. in 1760; a revolutionary soldier; m. three times; his third w. was Elizabeth Judd, of South Hadley, b. in 1771, d. in 1856; lived in Southampton. Children:
    268. *Levi*,[6] b. Feb. 24, 1784; d. Jan. 20, 1856; m. Dec. 31, 1805, Phebe, dau. of Benjamin Clapp, and had: **i.** *Lucius*,[7] b. April 16, 1808; m. April 24, 1833, Sophronia Clark; lived in Easthampton; a farmer. Children: (1) *Lucy M.*,[8] b. March 1, 1834; m. March 1, 1859, George W. McWilliams, of Deer Ridge, Mo.; (2) *Lucia Ann*,[8] b. Jan. 22, 1838. **ii.** *Achsah*,[7] b. Aug. 11, 1814; m. April 12, 1852, James H. Lyman. **iii.** *Levi Austin*,[7] b. Dec. 30, 1819; d. Oct. 28, 1828.
    269. *Angeline*,[6] b. June 14, 1813; m. Jonas Bullard, of Charlemont, and had eight children; living in 1873.
270. ELI,[5] removed to Southampton; m. Hannah Lyman. Children:
    271. *Hannah*,[6] m. Russell Pomeroy.
    272. *Eunice*,[6] alive in 1847; m. Stephen D. Hurlburt, of Southampton.
    273. *Roxana*,[6] m. Ellis Ripley.
    274. *Reuben*,[6] d. when a member of Yale College.
    275. *Erastus*,[6] b. April 30, 1792; was a preacher; in 1835, was at New Marlboro', Mass. His first wife was Clarissa Smith; his second, Elizabeth C. Mitchell.
    276. *Fidelia*,[6] d. when about 9 years of age.
    277. *Eli*,[6] d. in infancy.
    278. *Lyman*,[6] dead in 1843.

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ASAHEL[4] (*Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), fourth son of Roger and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born about 1717. He probably lived in Northampton, where he died Jan. 20, 1777. He married Sarah Wright, who died in September, 1751.

Children of ASAHEL and SARAH (Wright) CLAPP:

279. SARAH,[5] b. Dec. 5, 1743; m. Solomon Weller.

280. ASAHEL,[5] m. Esther, dau. of Ebenezer Clapp, of Northampton. He was a captain; d. Jan. 25, 1804. There was a wife of Lieut. Asahel Clapp who d. in Northampton, March 5, 1776; she may have been a second wife of Capt. Asahel's father. Children:

281. *Chester*,[6] once lived in Boston; m. Susan Brown, of Dorchester, and lived in Northampton. Children: **i.** *Chester*.[7] **ii.** *Susan*.[7] **iii.** *Charles*.[7]

282. *Asahel*,[6] m. Sarah Clark, of Northampton. A wife of an Asahel Clapp d. in Northampton Feb. 14, 1808. Asahel[6] and Sarah had: **i.** *Asahel*,[7] who lived in the State of New York.

283. *Theodore*,[6] b. April 21, 1785; m. Betsey, dau. of Moses Newton; a farmer, and lived in Northampton. Children: **i.** *Jane*,[7] b. Oct. 8, 1814; d. Oct. 18, 1815. **ii.** *Elizabeth M.*,[7] b. May 25, 1818; **iii.** *Mary Jane*,[7] b. April 8, 1823; m. Henry B. Graves, of Northampton. **iv.** *Theodore*,[7] b. May 21, 1826.

284. *Jonas*,[6] m. Martha A. Baker; lived in Northampton. Children: **i.** *Chester*.[7] **ii.** *Cephas*.[7] **iii.** *Caleb*,[7] b. April 3, 1817; m. Sarah Maria Saxton, of Charleston, S. C., March 10, 1842; a gentleman of good estate, and lived in Hartford, Conn. Children: (1) *Henry P.*,[8] b. March 26, 1843; (2) *Caleb T.*,[8] b. May 22, 1844, d. Nov. 29, 1844; (3) *Allen C.*,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1845; (4) *Edgar T.*,[8] b. Sept. 22, 1847, d. Jan. 9, 1848; (5) *Howard D.*,[8] b. Oct. 21, 1848, d. July 9, 1851; (6) *Howard S.*,[8] b. April 28, 1851; (7) *Willie M.*,[8] b. Aug. 31, 1852; (8) *Charles B.*,[8] b. April 5, 1854, d. April 15, 1855; (9) *Frank*,[8] b. June 15, 1856, d. Feb. 20, 1857; (10) *Arthur S.*,[8] b. March 25, 1858. **iv.** *Hooker*.[7] **v.** *William R.*[7] **vi.** *Maria*.[7] **vii.** *Allen E.*[7]

285. *Caleb*,[6] b. in 1789; probably never married. Was a lieutenant in the U. S. Army, and d., it is supposed, at Fort Independence, in Boston Harbor, Jan. 18, 1815, aged 25, and was buried in Copp's Hill burying-ground, Boston.

286. *Electa*,[6] m. Phineas Allen, of Pittsfield, editor of the Pittsfield Sun for sixty years, who was b. in Northampton, Aug. 11, 1776, and d. in Pittsfield, May 8, 1860.

287. *Sarah*,[6] m. Hon. Henry H. Childs, of Pittsfield, Lieut. Gov. of Massachusetts in 1843; a celebrated physician, and one of the founders of the Berkshire Med. Institution in Pittsfield; was much in public life, and d. in Boston March 22, 1868, aged 85.

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288. ELISHA,[5] b. Nov. 21, 1750; m. May 24, 1779, Rachel Brown; d. in 1784, leaving one son (*Elisha*,[6] who d. young). His widow Rachel m. for second husband, Medad Strong, of Northampton, and d. Dec. 1833, aged 76.
289. AZARIAH,[5] d. Feb. 15, 1819; m. Esther Tileston, of Dorchester, Mass. She d. Jan. 20, 1821. Children:
290. *Azariah*,[6] m. ..... Brown, and lived in New Hampshire.
291. *Elisha*,[6] b. Sept 27, 1797; m. Frances, dau. of Ebenezer Clapp.
292. *Timothy*,[6] never married.
293. *Lewis*,[6] m. and lived in Princeton, Ill.
294. *Charlotte*,[6] m. Mr. Ferry, of Springfield.
295. *Hannah*,[6] m. and lived in Northfield.
296. REUBEN,[5] removed to the western part of the State of Vermont, and had a large family.
297. SOLOMON,[5] lived to grow up, but was never married.
298. CHESTER,[5] d. a young man, unmarried, Sept. 18, 1777.
299. CALEB,[5] was educated at Yale College; was studying medicine, and d. at Westfield, unmarried.

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SUPPLY[4] (*Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in Northampton about 1721. He was married and probably lived in Northampton. He was in the service of his country during the French war, was a sergeant in the regiment under the command of Col. Seth Pomeroy, and was taken prisoner at Lake George, in the capture of which fort that regiment took an important part. His name was on the sick list returned by Thomas Williams, Surgeon, Nov. 23, 1755. He was in the expedition to Crown Point, in the company of Capt. Elisha Hawley. Mrs. Clapp died March 4, 1755, and he survived her many years, dying in 1784.

Children of SUPPLY and wife ..... CLAPP:

300. SUPPLY,[5] m. June 29, 1796, Polly Smith, of Sunderland, and had *Justus*[6] and *Moseley*;[6] also daughters, *Sarah*,[6] *Hannah*[6] and *Lucretia*.[6] A Supply d. in Northampton, June 20, 1800, and the wife of a Supply d. there Sept. 20, 1795.
301. LYDIA.[5]
302. SARAH.[5]
303. ABIGAIL.[5]
304. MARTHA.[5]

One of their children, probably an infant, d. Feb. 24, 1755.

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CHARLES[4] (*Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), sixth son of Roger and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born in 1725. There was a Charles who was a sailor in the sloop *Mermaid*, Capt. Lincoln, in the expedition eastward, in 1754; perhaps not this Charles, but another, a descendant of Thomas. He married Dorcas, who after his death, which occurred Aug. 11, 1767, married Joel Clark.

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Children of CHARLES and wife DORCAS CLAPP:

305. ELIAKIM,[5] removed to Chesterfield, Mass., and m. Pamelia, dau. of Dr. Elihu Wright, surgeon in the revolutionary army. Eliakim was a soldier in the same army four years before his marriage, and was present at the execution of Maj. André, Oct. 2, 1780. After his marriage, he moved to Chester, Mass., where he d. at the age of 81 years. His wife survived him ten years, and d. at the age of 84. Children:

306. *Rachel*,[6] m. Harvey Stone, and had six children.

307. *Theodocia*,[6] b. April 4, 1792; m. first, Eleazer Ring, of Easthampton, and had two children; second, Oct. 19, 1825, James, son of John Clapp,* of Easthampton, and had three children.

308. *Pamelia*,[6] m. Otis Taylor, of Chester, and resided in Hinsdale; they had eight children.

309. *Dorcas*,[6] b. in 1800; d. Oct. 3, 1860; m. Simeon P. Clark, and had twelve children.

310. *Augustus*,[6] m. first, Theodocia Lyman; second Almira Clapp, his cousin. Children by 1st wife: **i.** *Hattie*,[7] m. Lewis Clark, of Easthampton; had five children, the eldest burnt to death, aged 7 years 3 mos. **ii.** *Elvira*,[7] d. aged 17 years. **iii.** *Henry*,[7] m. Ellen Belden, had three children, and lived in Easthampton. **iv.** a son,[7] drowned in going from school, aged 5 years. **v.** a child,[7] d. in infancy.

311. *Eliakim*,[6] m. and d. in Mobile, leaving a son, *Henry E.*,[7] who d. in Worcester about 1862, leaving a son *Charles Henry*.[8]

312. *Charles*,[6] m. Louisa Day, and moved to Meadville, Pa., where he d. at the age of 60. Children: **i.** *Mary Ann*,[7] m. James Elder, and lived in Meadville, Pa. **ii.** *Stillman Sprague*,[7] m. in California, and has two children. **iii.** *Martha*,[7] killed, aged 7, by an ox sled falling on her. They also had five children who d. in infancy.

313. *Stillman Sprague*,[6] b. in 1806; d. March 14, 1866. He went to New York when he was a young man, and for nearly twenty-five years was one of the firm of Lawrence, Trimble & Co., merchants. He afterwards moved to Bridgeport, Ct., where he d., being Mayor of the city at the time of his death. He m. first, Lizzie Lamb, and had five children, but one of whom lived: **i.** *Mary Treat*,[7] who m. Edward N. Stebbins, of Summit, N. J. He m. second, Mary Louisa Stagg, and had: **ii.** *William Haynes*,[7] who d. **iii.** *Eddie*.[7] **iv.** *Sallie Somers*.[7] **v.** *Arthur Percy*.[7] After his death, the family returned to New York.

314. *Alonzo*,[6] m. first, Esther Day, who lived but a few months; second, Fidelia Taylor. They lived in Chester, Mass. Children: **i.** *Esther*,[7] m. Egbert Rude, of Huntington; **ii.** *Eliza*.[7] **iii.** *Pamelia*.[7] **iv.** *Emma*.[7] **v.** *Mary*.[7] **vi.** *Susie*.[7] **vii.** *Frank Taylor*,[7] lived in Nora, Ill. **viii.** *Freddie*,[7] and two who died.

Eliakim[5] and Pamelia had four other children, who d. in infancy.

315. NOAH,[5] lived to manhood, but was never married.

316. ISRAEL,[5] m. and moved to Aurelius, Cayuga co., N. Y.; had 10 children, his fifth child being *Othniel*,[6] who had a son *E. D.*[7]

* John Clapp and his descendants have not been identified with any known branch of the Clapp family. (See Appendix.)

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317. Dorcas,[5] m. Oliver Clapp, of Westhampton.
318. Miriam,[5] m. Eleazer Hannam, of Easthampton.
One child of Charles[4] died Feb. 8, 1759.

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SIMEON[4] (*Roger,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), eighth and youngest son of Roger and Elizabeth (Bartlett) Clapp, was born in 1728. He was in the service as a soldier in 1748, in the regiment commanded by Lieut. Col. Dwight. He was afterwards a Captain; and he also practised as a physician. He married Sarah Clark, who was born in 1738, and died June 22, 1823. They probably lived at Northampton, where he died Feb. 25, 1812, aged 84 years.

Children of Simeon and Sarah (Clark) Clapp:

319. Simeon,[5] b. Dec. 6, 1758; d. young, probably in 1759.
320. Simeon,[5] b. Nov. 7, 1759; d. in Northampton, May 31, 1851, aged 92 years. He m. Oct. 9, 1783, Patty Root. Children:
  321. *Zenas,*[6] m. Belinda Dickinson, of Hadley, and had children.
  322. *Sarah,*[6] not married.
  323. *Martha,*[6] not married.
324. Quartus,[5] b. April 18, 1762; m. Electa, dau. of Ebenezer and Asenath Sheldon, and probably lived in Westfield; d. March 13, 1792, aged 30 years.
325. Bohan,[5] b. Aug. 17, 1764; m. Dec. 15, 1792, Ann Levake; d. Sept. 18, 1826, aged 62 years. Children:
  326. *Daniel,*[6] b. May 21, 1794.
  327. *Quartus,*[6] b. Dec. 25, 1796.
  328. *Wealthy,*[6] b. Oct. 27, 1798.
  329. *Nancy,*[6] b. Oct. 10, 1800.
  330. *Hannah,*[6] b. Oct. 19, 1802.
  331. *Martha,*[6] b. Nov. 17, 1806.
  332. *Naomi,*[6] b. June 10, 1814.

+333. Charles,[5] b. Oct. 18, 1767; removed to Worthington.

334. Warham,[5] b. Nov. 24, 1770; wife Sophia; he lived in Northampton; d. Oct. 7, 1852, aged 82 years. The following brief extract from the *Hampshire Gazette*, of Northampton, relates an interesting and praiseworthy incident connected with the family of Warham Clapp: "*The Last of the Indians.*—Sally Maminash died in this town Jan. 3, 1853, æt. 88 years. She was the last of the Indian race in Northampton. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Occom, of Mohegan, near Norwich, Ct. Her father was Joseph Maminash. Under the infirmities of age, she found an excellent christian friend who took her into her own family, saying, 'As long as I live, Sally shall be provided for.' Such was the noble purpose of charity of Mrs. Sophia Clapp, the wife of Warham Clapp, which she carried into effect. After Mrs. C.'s death, her son Edward Clapp and his wife continued to the last the same charity." Children of Warham and Sophia:
  335. *Simeon,*[6] m., lived in Worthington, and had children.
  336. *Edward,*[6] m. ..... Wright, and lived in Northampton.
  337. *Samuel,*[6] married, and died soon after, leaving no children.
  338. *Elijah,*[6] m. ..... Hartshorn, and lived in Northampton.

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339. *Sidney*,[6] lived in Northampton, unm.
340. *Sophia*,[6] m. Mr. Davis, and lived in Chesterfield.
341. *Elizabeth*,[6] m. Sylvester Bridgman, and lived in Northampton.
342. SERENO,[5] b. Nov. 1, 1772; d. Jan. 3, 1833, aged 60 years. He m. Nov. 1, 1800, Lydia Patterson; probably left children, but their names have not been ascertained. A child of a Sereno Clapp d. Dec. 20, 1806.

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THOMAS[4] (*Thomas*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Thomas and Mary (King) Clapp, was born in Northampton, March 6, 1712. It is probable that he married ..... Colt. He lived on a farm in Hartford, Ct., about a mile and a half west of Hartford City, near Rocky Hill. He was in the French war of 1756, taken prisoner, and carried to Quebec.

Children of THOMAS and ..... (Colt?) CLAPP:

343. ROGER,[5] served during the war of the Revolution on board a Privateer or a U. S. ship of war. Whether he was ever married is not known.
+344. THOMAS.[5]

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ELIJAH[4] (*Thomas*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), youngest son of Thomas and Mary (King) Clapp, and brother of the preceding, resided in Hartford, Ct., where he died May 13, 1777. He married, about 1735, Mary Benton.

Children of ELIJAH and MARY (Benton) CLAPP:

345. ELIJAH,[5] lived and died in Hartford; m. Marian Jones.
346. NORMAN,[5] settled in Weathersfield, Conn., and d. there. He m., in 1782, Huldah Wright, and perhaps afterwards Mary Frances Wright. Children:
347. *John*,[6] drowned in the North River, aged 36; m. Nov. 2, 1806, Mary Kilby, and had: **i.** *Elias*,[7] b. May, 1810. **ii.** *Huldah W.*,[7] b. Sept. 1811. **iii.** *Mary*,[7] twin sister of Huldah W., b. Sept. 1811. **iv.** *Elizabeth*,[7] b. Oct. 1813; m. Mr. Simpson. **v.** *Clarissa*,[7] m. Edwin Merritt. **vi.** *John*,[7] a minister, d. aged 25. **vii.** *Harriet*,[7] d. aged 34. **viii.** *Daniel*,[7] b. Aug. 25, 1818; m. Jan. 13, 1841, Elizabeth Beadle, b. May 5, 1824, and had: (1) *John B.*,[8] b. July 4, 1842—in the wholesale iron and steel business in Hartford—m. Sept. 17, 1867, Leila F. Blodgett, dau. of Roswell Blodgett, Esq., of Hartford—was one of the committee appointed at the Northampton Clapp gathering to arrange for the second meeting of the family at Boston, in which he was actively and efficiently engaged—had a son *Roswell J.*,[9] b. in Hartford, June 10, 1871; (2) *Bentley T.*,[8] b. Nov. 6, 1844, d. July 12, 1845; (3) *Sherman R.*,[8] b. March 13, 1846, m. Sept. 5, 1866, Mary F. Winship, and has three children; (4) *Henry*,[8] b. Sept. 4,

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1847, d. Aug. 11, 1848; (5) *Edward*,[8] b. April 2, 1852, d. May 1, 1852; (6) *Daniel C.*,[8] b. Jan. 10, 1854, d. Dec. 1, 1873, from injuries received by a fall. Daniel[7] d. Oct., 1854.

348. *Charles*,[6] m. Sarah Burke.

349. *Roswell*.[6]

350. *Norman*.[6]

351. OLIVER,[5] b. in 1760; d. in Hartford, 1840, aged about 60 years. He m. Lucy Goodwin, and they had:

352. *Henry*,[6] b. in Hartford, Aug. 8, 1783; d. Aug. 21, 1873. A very active, respectable man, and a bookbinder by trade; he removed to Nantucket in June, 1809; m. first, in May, 1810, Eliza Stoddard, dau. of Miles and Bathsheba Stoddard, of Taunton, Mass. They had: **i.** *Eliza G.*,[7] b. Feb. 21, 1811. Mrs. C. afterwards continued in poor health till Oct. 21, 1811, when she died at her father's house, while on a visit there. Henry[6] m. second, in Dec., 1812, Rebecca Coffin, dau. of William Coffin. They had four children born within the space of one year, viz., **ii.** *William*,[7] and **iii.** *Henry*,[7] twins, b. Nov. 17, 1813; both d. within a few weeks; **iv.** *Henry*,[7] and **v.** *Rebecca*,[7] twins, b. Nov. 11, 1814. Henry[7] was a merchant in Boston, and subsequently removed to the South. His death is announced while this work is passing through the press, as occurring in New York, April 10, 1875, and the Boston Daily Globe of the 13th contains the following brief notice of his career and death:

"With the death of Henry Clapp, long known as the 'King of the Bohemians,' fades the memory of one of the most peculiar cliques of roystering literary characters ever known. Not long ago, Ada Clare, the 'Queen of Bohemia,' died, a victim of that strange malady, hydrophobia, and the rest of the Colony that once met at Pfaff's beer saloon on Broadway, to enliven the midnight hour with songs and jokes and reckless repartee, are either dead or dispersed or turned respectable. It required a peculiar genius to call together and keep together such a company. . . . . The life of Henry Clapp was a strange one. He was born in Nantucket, and in his early life he was a sailor. Afterwards he appeared as a temperance lecturer and an ardent advocate of the abolition of slavery, travelling extensively in the cause of reform. He was for some time in Paris, and after his return he made a translation of some of the socialistic works of Fourier. His first journalistic experience was in editing an antislavery paper at Lynn, but he was best known as the founder of the Saturday Press and Vanity Fair in New York. Both of these were too bright and too impracticable to last. Many of the brightest of the Bohemians were contributors to Vanity Fair, but all their wit could not keep it alive. Clapp afterwards became well known as 'Figaro' of the Leader, a paper at one time owned and edited by Mayor Hall, and latterly he obtained a precarious livelihood writing paragraphs for the Daily Graphic and sending occasional contributions to dramatic or musical journals from a New Jersey farmhouse. His talent was essentially that of the French Feuille-

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tonistes, bright, keen and witty, but unsubstantial and ephemeral. In character he was of the essence of Bohemia, reckless and witty, caring and thinking little of the serious concerns of life, but living as those who say, 'let us eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow we die.' That to-morrow of death has come for Henry Clapp, and no one can have the heart to throw anything but the mantle of charity over his bier." The New York Times, in relation to the origin and purpose of the circle called "The Bohemians," says:—"The intention was to establish here the Bohemianism so charmingly described by the French author, Henry Burger. It was not an association, nor a club; there was no regular organization, for regularity is the very opposite of Bohemianism. The custom was to drop in, after theatre hours, at Pfaff's lager beer saloon, in Broadway, near Bleecker street, and there, in a large vault under the side-walk, enjoy the luxuries of pipe, beer, lunch, songs, and free conversation, until the late hours of the morning."

Rebecca,[7] twin sister of Henry,[7] m. Augustus Morse. The other children of Henry[6] and Eliza were: **vi.** *William F. H.*,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1816; m. and lived in Hartford. **vii.** *Emily*,[7] b. Jan. 17, 1819; m. George G. Coffin, and had several children; **viii.** *Harriet P.*,[7] b. Feb. 12, 1822; m. James W. Hazard, and lived in Mobile. **ix.** *George G.*,[7] b. June 9, 1824; lived in Boston, and was in the book and stationery business. **x.** *Augustus*,[7] b. Dec. 25, 1828; d. a young man, unmarried.

353. *Betsey*,[6] b. March 18, 1785; unm.
354. *Ann*,[6] b. April 27, 1787; unm.
355. *Abigail*,[6] b. Feb. 18, 1789; d. July 23, 1794.
356. *Oliver*,[6] b. Dec. 25, 1790; m. ..... Butler, of New York.
357. *Mary*,[6] b. Feb. 13, 1793; unm.
358. *Abigail*,[6] b. Feb. 27, 1795; d. Oct. 31, 1820, aged 25 years.
359. *Ashur*,[6] b. Nov. 30, 1797; m. in New York.
360. *Timothy G.*,[6] b. Feb. 12, 1800; d. Jan. 14, 1842; m. April 25, 1824, Eliza W., dau. of Joseph W. Plaskett. Children: **i.** *Joseph W.*,[7] b. in 1825. **ii.** *Henry P.*,[7] b. about 1826. **iii.** *Walter*,[7] b. about 1829.
361. *Horace*,[6] b. April 18, 1802; d. in Cincinnati, leaving a widow and two children.
362. *Walter*,[6] b. April 23, 1806; m. ..... Spence, of E. Hartford, and removed to Norwich, Conn. Had two sons: *Walter*,[7] b. about 1832; and *Edward*,[7] b. about 1834.
363. *Lucy*,[6] m. Horatio N. Stebbins, and lived in New York city.

364. JOHN,[5] m. Mabel Colton; lived and d. in Hartford.
365. ELIZABETH,[5] m. William Bruce.
366. EUNICE,[5] m. Samuel Steele.
367. MARY,[5] m. Thomas Steele, brother of Samuel.
368. ANNE,[5] m. Neal McNeal.
369. SARAH,[5] m. John Roberts.

Of the above family, all except Norman were born, lived and died in Hartford. A son of Oliver informs me that the descendants of Elijah are numerous, and scattered over all parts of the country.

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ABNER[5] (*Samuel,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Samuel and Mindwell (Bird) Clapp, was born Dec. 23, 1732. He lived in Dorchester, in a house at the Five Corners, on land afterwards owned by the Hon. Ebenezer Seaver, and since by Mr. Thomas W. Tuttle. He married, Nov. 2, 1757, Hannah Hoits, of Roxbury. He died in Dorchester, May 25, 1799, in the 67th year of his age.

Children of ABNER and HANNAH (Hoits) CLAPP:

370. MARY,[6] b. Aug 27, 1758; d. Aug. 15, 1759.
371. MARY,[6] b. March 2, 1760; m. Mr. Cook.
372. SUPPLY,[6] b. Sept. 6, 1763; m. Hannah Daniels. He followed the seas, and is supposed to have been a privateer during the latter part of the Revolutionary War.
373. SAMUEL,[6] b. Jan. 27, 1767; d. Oct. 4, same year.
374. JAMES,[6] b. Oct. 30, 1770; d. Jan. 7, 1827. He was a carpenter by trade, and served his time with a Mr. Clement, at the corner of Milk and Atkinson (now Congress) streets in Boston. Was for several years the sexton of the Old South Church. He is represented as a very honest man, but not of much energy in business. He was m. in Boston, Feb. 18, 1795, to Nancy Hassel. They had a daughter *Nancy,*[7] b. about 1797, who m. Daniel S. Harrington, who afterwards lived in South Boston, and whose daughter, Sarah A. Harrington, attended the Clapp Family gathering at Northampton in 1870.
375. OLIVER[6], b. April 12, 1774. Was a sailor, and was drowned previously to 1799. He m. Tamson Burns, and they had a son *Oliver,*[7] who was living in Portland in 1842.

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JOHN[5] (*Benjamin,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Roger*[1]), youngest son of Benjamin and Hannah (Baker) Clapp, of Stoughton, was born in 1736. He settled in Stoughton, and married, first, Jan. 27, 1763, Submit Davenport, of Dorchester, who died in 1779, aged 39 years; second, Patience Gay, who died in 1809, aged 60 years. He died in Stoughton, in 1809, aged 73 years.

Children of JOHN and 1st wife SUBMIT (Davenport) CLAPP:

376. HANNAH,[6] m. John Wadsworth, removed to Winthrop, Me., and had a large family of children.
377. MARY,[6] m. Eliphalet Monk, had one child and died.
378. JOHN,[6] b. in 1776; m. first, Esther Merriam, who d. in 1839, aged 76 years, leaving no children. He afterwards m. Elizabeth Cummings, and was living in 1843—a large-framed man; then suffering from a cancer in the eye.

Children of JOHN and 2d wife PATIENCE (Gay) CLAPP:

379. JAMES,[6] b. in 1782, and d. in 1810, aged 29 years. He was Lieutenant of a military company; m. Mary Dickinson, and had:

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380. *Bradford Robbins*,[7] b. in 1806; d. in 1827, aged 21 years.
381. *James*,[7] d. in 1811, aged 22 months.
382. SAMUEL,[6] b. in 1786; d. in 1817, aged about 32 years; m. Sally Packard, and had:
383. *Hannah*,[7] b. in 1809; m. Goram Upham, and d. in 1833, aged 24 years.
384. *James*,[7] b. in 1811; d. in 1834, unm., aged 23 years.
385. *Isaiah*,[7] b. in 1814; d. in 1832, aged 18 years.
386. *Charlotte*,[7] b. in 1817; d. in 1833, aged 16.

This family of children thus all died in early life.

387. BENJAMIN,[6] b. March 27, 1789; a carpenter by trade, lived in Stoughton, and a very respectable man. He m. Dec. 20, 1819, Ruth Drake, who was b. Dec. 16, 1798. Children:
388. *Benjamin Russell*,[7] b. Dec. 11, 1820; resided in North Bridgewater; m. Dec. 30, 1849, Elizabeth Standish, of Warren, Me., and had: **i.** *Lizzie Maria*,[8] b. Feb. 26, 1851; d. March 12, 1870. **ii.** *Georgiana S.*,[8] b. Sept. 10, 1854.
389. *Ruth*,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1822; m. Nov. 11, 1851, Alpheus Gurney, who was b. in N. Bridgewater, Jan. 13, 1818.
390. *Mary*,[7] b. Aug. 10, 1824; m. Jan. 1, 1849, Isaac M. Monk, of Stoughton, who was b. there Dec. 24, 1817.
391. *Samuel*,[7] b. Sept. 26, 1826; m. March 9, 1852, Sarah J. Pierce, b. in Stoughton, Sept. 1831. Children: **i.** *Albert F.*,[8] b. Dec. 18, 1853. **ii.** *Ellery P.*,[8] b. Jan. 29, 1857. **iii.** *Clarence W.*,[8] b. Sept. 11, 1859. **iv.** *Hattie F.*,[8] b. March 27, 1864.
392. *Patience Gay*,[7] b. May 21, 1829; d. Aug. 31, 1831.
393. *Susan*,[7] b. June 9, 1832; has been teaching at the South, and in 1870 was in the missionary service in Boston.
394. *James Bradford*,[7] b. July 31, 1839; m. Dec. 15, 1870, Eliza Phillips, and lived in Westfield.

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THOMAS[5] (*Thomas*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest child of Thomas and Elizabeth (Preston) Clapp, of Dorchester, was born Aug. 14, 1736. He married, Jan. 10, 1760, Mary Wales, who survived him about one year and died Sept. 1, 1808, aged 70. He died Sept. 7, 1807, aged 71 years.

Children of THOMAS and MARY (Wales) CLAPP:

395. SUSANNA,[6] b. Sept. 20, 1760. She was never married, and kept house for her brother Charles. She was much respected during life, and died at a good old age.
396. MARY,[6] b. Sept. 9, 1762; d. unm., April 20, 1790, aged 28 years.
397. ABIGAIL,[6] b. Aug. 2, 1766; m. Feb. 5, 1795, Oliver Bird, of Dorchester. He died Sept. 24, 1806, aged 45. She lived for many years in a house in Dorchester, near the Roxbury line on the old road to Boston. In 1846, she removed into a new house in Columbia St. She was a smart, active woman, and d. Feb. 4, 1848, aged 81 years.
398. JAMES,[6] b. Aug. 27, 1769. He m. Elizabeth Gleason, and lived in a house in Columbia Street. Children:

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399. *George*,[7] b. in Oct. 1796; m. ..... Gordon, and had: **i.** *George*,[8] who went to sea, and was lost from steamer Quincy, off Cape Hatteras. **ii.** *Henry*,[8] who moved to Illinois. **iii.** *Margaret*,[8] b. about 1824; m. John Tucker, and lived in Watertown. **iv.** *Benjamin*,[8] b. about 1826, d. in 1842. **v.** *Sarah*,[8] b. about 1827; m. Mr. Hodgkins, and lived in Roxbury. **vi.** *Albert*,[8] b. Aug. 31, 1829; m. Louisa A. Rollins, and lived in Dorchester.
400. *Mary*,[7] b. Jan. 7, 1799; m. Dec. 10, 1823, Antipas Jackson, of Newton, Mass., and had three children.
401. *Abigail*,[7] m. Mr. Witherell, of Newton.
402. *Elizabeth*,[7] b. about 1806; unm., and lives where her great-grand-father, Thomas Clapp, did in Dorchester.
403. *Susan*,[7] b. Aug. 3, 1807; d. June, 1871. She m. Joseph G. Bannister, of Framingham, and had two children.
404. *Lucinda*,[7] d. young.
405. *James*,[7] d. young.
406. CHARLES,[6] b. Sept. 5, 1772. He lived for many years unm. in Dorchester, on the main road to Roxbury, a few rods south of the Gov. Eustis estate, and near the brook which then separated Dorchester from Roxbury. In 1847, when in his 75th year, he m. Mrs. Mary P. Richards. His estate was sold to the Metropolitan Horse Railroad Co., as a location for the Company's stables, and he removed to Stoughton, where he d. in February, 1861, in his 89th year. He was honest, simple-hearted, industrious, temperate and frugal, and moderate in all his movements. He once met an acquaintance in Boston who was a printer, and asked him in all sincerity how much it would cost to print him a Bible. He could not find in the stores, he said, just the kind he wanted; and if he had one printed on purpose for him, he thought he could be better suited!
407. LUCY,[6] b. Oct. 21, 1779; d. May 22, 1780.

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PRESERVED[5] (*Preserved*,[4] *Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Preserved and Sarah (West) Clapp, of Amherst, was born May 6, 1731. He was a soldier in the old French war, being a corporal in the company under the command of Israel Williams. He afterwards practised medicine, and was called Doctor; was a very ingenious man and of singular habits. He was the inventor of a machine* which seems to have done good service at the beginning of the Revolutionary war, and for which service he was paid out of the State Treasury. The name of his wife has not been obtained. He lived in Amherst.

* "DR. CLAPP'S GUN CARRIAGE.—Boston, Nov. 11, 1776. This may certify, that Dr. Preserved Clapp has opened the cannon at Castle William, that were spiked by the enemy; and is the real inventor of a carriage, whereby the cannon that had their trunnions broke off, by this new invented carriage, the guns are rendered serviceable, which otherwise would have been useless.

Attest, RICHARD GRIDLEY,
Chief Engineer."

[*Independent Chronicle.*]

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Children of Dr. PRESERVED and ..... CLAPP:

+408. ROSWELL,[6] b. in 1766; d. in 1843.
409. REUBEN,[6] d. young.
410. EUNICE,[6] m. Capt. John Willard, of Charlestown.
411. CHARLOTTE,[6] bapt. April 22, 1770; m. first, Mr. Parmelee; m. second, Dr. Reed, and was living in 1843.

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JOHN[5] (*John,*[4] *Preserved,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of John and Eunice (Parsons) Clapp, of Montague, Mass., was born March 3, 1738. He married Eunice Smead, and settled in Deerfield.

Children of JOHN and EUNICE (Smead) CLAPP:

+412. JOHN,[6] m. Phebe Ross, and had a large family of children.
+413. ELISHA,[6] m. Asenath Taylor; d. Feb. 3, 1835.
+414. JOSEPH,[6] b. in August, 1770; lived in Montague.
415. ERASTUS,[6] b. July 30, 1771; d. Sept. 12, 1851. He m. May 15, 1794, Catharine Ross, sister to the wife of his brother John. She died June 17, 1832. They lived in Deerfield. Children:
416. *Cephas,*[7] b. Jan. 1, 1797; m. April 17, 1828, Emily Boyden. They lived in Deerfield, and had children: **i.** *Mary Amanda,*[8] b. Aug. 6, 1829; d. Jan. 2, 1836. **ii.** *Frances Maria,*[8] b. March 20, 1831; d. Dec. 15, 1836. **iii.** *Cephas Gerry,*[8] b. Sept. 18, 1833; is a farmer in South Deerfield; m. Sept. 24, 1856, Martha Cook Palmer, of Deerfield, and had: (1) *Arthur G.,*[9] b. Jan. 3, 1862; (2) *Jennie P.,*[9] b. Aug. 15, 1863; (3) *Willie S.,*[9] b. Aug. 17, 1865; (4) *Harriet A.,*[9] b. Nov. 23, 1867. **iv.** *Samuel Ross,*[8] b. Oct. 19, 1835; d. March 8, 1836. **v.** *Francis,*[8] b. Dec. 4, 1837. **vi.** *Emily Boyden,*[8] b. Aug. 2, 1840. **vii.** *Charlotte Maria,*[8] b. Sept. 12, 1842.
417. *Erastus Gerry,*[7] b. Dec. 16, 1798; d. Aug. 16, 1803.
418. *Albert Smead,*[7] b. April 23, 1801; d. Aug. 6, 1803.
419. *Martha,*[7] b. June 19, 1804; m. Henry Smith. They lived in South Deerfield, and had ten children.
420. *Albert,*[7] b. Sept. 28, 1806; m. April, 1840, Julia A. Arms, and had: **i.** *Amanda A.,*[8] b. Sept. 12, 1846. Albert[7] d. May 4, 1873.
421. *Melinda,*[7] b. Nov. 5, 1809; d. April 1, 1840.
422. *Catharine G.,*[7] b. Dec. 13, 1813; m. Aug. 10, 1848, Joel Fish, and had two children. Mr. Fish d. Sept. 28, 1868, and she m. Feb. 28, 1870, Hiram Clapp, of S. Deerfield; he d. March 1, 1871.
423. *A daughter,*[7] m. Orsanius Smith, and removed to Ohio.
424. SETH,[6] m. Anna Cantral. He once lived in Sunderland, but probably afterwards went to Greenfield. Children:
425. *Parvin,*[7] b. June 14, 1802; a carpenter and pump-maker in Springfield; m. Lucinda Cobb, and had: **i.** *Lucinda,*[8] b. Oct. 25, 1827. **ii.** *Lucretia,*[8] b. June 26, 1829.
426. *Miranda,*[7] b. April 2, 1804; m. Mr. Fairchild, brother of Rev. Joy H. Fairchild, formerly of South Boston.

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427. *Philo*,[7] b. May 26, 1806; a wheelwright in Westboro'; m. and had: i. *Seth*.[8] ii. *Reuben*.[8]
428. *Clarissa*,[7] b. Sept. 14, 1808; m. Mr. Ball.
429. *David Knight*,[7] b. Oct. 30, 1810.
430. *Susanna*,[7] b. Aug. 25, 1813; m. Mr. Jacobs, and lived in Cabotville.
431. *Ann Elizabeth*,[7] b. Jan. 9, 1816.
432. *Fidelia*,[7] b. April 25, 1818.
433. *Turzey Smith*,[7] b. Nov. 2, 1820; m. and lived in Springfield.

434. EUNICE,[6] m. for her first husband, David Childs, of Deerfield; and for her second, Elisha Bogue. She was living in 1843.
435 CLARISSA,[6] m. Samuel Field, of Deerfield, and d. about 1835.

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EZRA[5] (*Ezra*,[4] *Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), only son of Ezra and wife Margaret Clapp, of Westfield, was born May 24, 1760, and died June 17, 1838. He married, Feb. 22, 1781, Grace Mather, of Westfield, and moved to Turin, N. Y. His wife was a descendant of Rev. Dr. Cotton Mather; she died March 20, 1842.

Children of EZRA and GRACE (Mather) CLAPP:

436. ELIZABETH,[6] b. Sept. 29, 1781; m. December, 1800, Lyman Lewis; d. Aug. 28, 1803.
437. ROLAND,[6] b. Aug. 14, 1784; m. Mrs. Martha Gerrish; in 1819, was in Pensacola, Fla.; afterwards lived in Washington, D. C.; d. Jan. 17, 1828.
438. JOHN,[6] b. April 16, 1786; m. Eliza C. Flint, dau. of Dr. Austin Flint, of Leicester; resided in Boston, and afterwards in Leicester; d. Jan. 8, 1852. Children:
   439. *Elizabeth*,[7] b. May 23, 1818; d. in Leicester, unm.
   440. *John Mather*,[7] b. Feb. 1, 1820; d. about 1839.
   441. *Samuel*,[7] b. July 30, 1826; m. Mrs. C. A. Drummond, of Flatlands, L. I., dau. of John A. Lott. One child: i. *Fannie*,[8] b. Nov. 21, 1855.
   442. *Austin*,[7] b. Sept. 21, 1828; in Pennsylvania.
   443. *Julia*,[7] b. Dec. 26, 1830; m. Joseph C. Pyncheon, of Springfield, and lives in that city.
   444. *Laura*,[7] b. Jan. 31, 1835; in Leicester.
445. SAMUEL,[6] b. June 22, 1788; lived in Rio Janeiro, S. A., unm.
446. PAUL,[6] b. April 14, 1790; was at Detroit, Mich., in 1819, unm.
447. JAMES,[6] b. Aug, 7, 1792; lived in Turin, N. Y.; d. unm., Feb. 1, 1848.
+448. JOSHUA,[6] b. May 15, 1794; d. Nov. 8, 1841.
449. TIMOTHY MATHER,[6] b. Aug. 12, 1796; resided in Boston, unm.; usually went by the name of Mather; d. March 29, 1823.
450. HORACE,[6] b. July 30, 1798; d. Feb. 12, 1864; m. Lucretia Ives, and lived in Turin, N. Y. Children:
   451. *Horace Mather*,[7] b. Sept. 19, 1822; d. June 5, 1846. He resided in Boston, and was engaged in the dry goods business; was a worthy young man; d. of consumption at the early age of 24 years.

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452. *John Ives*,[7] b. May 20, 1824; lived in Utica, N. Y.; in 1856, was in New York, in the dry goods business.
453. CYNTHIA,[6] b. June 9, 1800; lived in Roxbury, unm.
454. CAROLINE,[6] b. April 20, 1802; d. April 28, 1802.
455. ELIZABETH,[6] b. Aug. 30, 1803; m. Henry B. Stone, for many years president of the Suffolk Bank in Boston. They lived in Boston, and had a large family of children.
456. CHARLES,[6] b. June 2, 1807; m. Harriet Kent; lived in Akron, Ohio, and had five children. He united with the Shakers in April, 1846. The family afterwards lived in Brooklyn, N. Y., with her brother, Henry A. Kent. Children:
457. *Hannah L.*,[7] b. Oct., 1832; d. in 1844.
458. *Charles K.*,[7] b. Jan. 14, 1838; clerk with his uncle, Henry A. Kent, in Brooklyn, N. Y. An interesting letter was received from him soon after the Family Gathering in Northampton in 1870.
459. *Ella Mather*,[7] b. Aug. 16, 1840.
460. *George A.*,[7] b. March 3, 1843.
461. *Edward L.*,[7] b. Aug. 3, 1845.

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ELIJAH[5] (*Samuel*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Samuel and Mindwell (Strong) Clapp, of Southampton, was born May 3, 1736. He married, in 1760, Submit Clark, and lived in Southampton.

Children of ELIJAH and SUBMIT (Clark) CLAPP:

462. ELIJAH.[6]
463. BELA.[6] (A Bela d. April 3, 1811.)
464. LUTHER,[6] m. first ..... Hulbert, of Southampton; second, Betsey Leach, of Southampton. Children by second wife:
465. *Luther Clark*,[7] d. in 1860; m. first, Rebecca Bills; m. second, Charlotte A. Wright, dau. of James Wright, of Montgomery, Mass. Children by second wife: **i.** *Horatio W.*,[8] a dentist in Westfield, Mass.; m. Martha P., dau. of John and Sarah Flagg, Nov. 29, 1869. **ii.** *Rebecca*.[8] **iii.** *Kate*,[8] m. Jan., 1859, Charles McIntire; d. July, 1859. **iv.** *John H.*,[8] lived in North Eaton, Ohio; m. about 1857, Mary Perry, who was b. in Litchfield, Ohio. Children: (1) *Lorin*,[9] b. Oct. 4, 1858; (2) *Luther*,[9] b. April 16, 1860; (3) *Hattie*,[9] b. Dec. 16, 1861, d. Oct. 7, 1865; (4) *William*,[9] b. April 11, 1864; (5) *Arthur*,[9] b. Dec. 2, 1866; (6 and 7) twins, *Dorus*[9] and *Dora*,[9] b. Oct. 2, 1868. **v.** *Abner S.*,[8] lives in Westfield, Mass; m. about 1850, Rebecca Williams, of Westfield. **vi.** *Clark D.*,[8] lives in Northampton; m. about 1854, Eliza Goodwin. **vii.** *Charlotte E.*,[8] m. in 1864, Edgar Drake, and lives in Westfield.
466. *Venus*,[7] m. Lurich Chapman, and lived in Litchfield, Ohio; had three children.
467. *Phebe*,[7] m. Aaron Moore.
468. *Esther*,[7] m. Martin Barnes, and lived in Black River, N. Y.

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469. *Anson,*[7] m. about 1850, Priscilla Clark, and had one dau., *Angenette,*[8] who m. Wellington Sheldon.
470. *Hophni,*[7] b. Nov. 12, 1810; m. first, Esther Graves; second, Mary M. Curtis; third, Sarah M. Stevens. Children: i. *Adelaide,*[8] m. Lucius Steele, and lives in Plainfield, Mass. ii. *Hophni.*[8] iii. *Edward.*[8]
471. *Sophronia,*[7] m. Calvin Robinson, of Willimantic, Ct.; d. and left one son.
472. *Julia,*[7] m. Pliny Moore, of Montgomery, Mass.
473. ESTHER.[6]
474. SUBMIT,[6] m. Mr. Sheldon.

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JEHIEL[5] (*Samuel,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), second son of Samuel and Mindwell (Strong) Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born in Southampton, Aug. 25, 1738. He married, first, Mary, daughter of Noah and Mary Sheldon; and, in 1770, he married, probably his second wife, Elizabeth Clark.

Children of JEHIEL (or Ahiel), and 1st and 2d wives, MARY (Sheldon) and ELIZABETH (Clark) CLAPP:

+475. ELISHA,[6] b. in 1763; d. Feb. 1825.
476. ELEAZER,[6] b. Oct. 12, 1780; m. Jan. 30, 1806, Dolly Searle. Children;
477. *Nathan,*[7] b. Oct. 6, 1806; m. March 30, 1831, Sophia Day; lives in Springfield, Mass. Children: i. *Edward Horace,*[8] b. Feb. 5, 1835; m. Nov. 15, 1866, Fannie E. Miner; had a child b. Oct. 8, 1867, and d. March 28, 1868. ii. *Marah Chapin,*[8] b. April 15, 1838. iii. *Alfred Madison,*[8] b. June 8, 1843; m. Dec. 23, 1864, Sarah A. Slate.
478. *Ahiel,*[7] b. Sept. 1, 1809; m. Nov. 28, 1837, Diana Danks.
479. *Elizabeth,*[7] b. May 21, 1813; m. April 14, 1840, John Potwine, of S. Hadley, and had two children.
480. *Robinson,*[7] b. July 7, 1818; m. March 19, 1856, Mary E. Estes; a farmer in Holyoke, Mass. Children: i. *Jennie E.,*[8] b. May 18, 1860. ii. *Freddie,*[8] b. April 9, 1861.
481. JUSTUS,[6] d. a young man.

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TIMOTHY[5] (*Samuel,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in Southampton, Aug. 16, 1740. He married, Dec. 3, 1761, Rachel, daughter of Jonathan Bascom, and had twelve children.

Children of TIMOTHY and RACHEL (Bascom) CLAPP:

482. PLINY,[6] m. Belinda Wait. Children:
483. *Simeon.*[7]
484. *Sylvester.*[7]
485. TIMOTHY,[6] d. Sept., 1843; m. Sally Stone. Children:
486. *Bela S.*[7]
487. *Timothy.*[7]
488. *Harriet.*[7]
489. *Daniel.*[7]
490. *Sally.*[7]

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491. MINDWELL,[6] m. Simeon Egleston.

492. THADDEUS,[6] b. May 5, 1773; m. in 1798, Rhoda Strong; was a farmer some years in Orange, Vt., and afterwards in Southampton, Mass. Children:

493. *Naomi*,[7] b. May 28, 1800; m. Dec. 24, 1823, Simeon Sheldon, and had six children.

494. *Ruth*,[7] b. Dec. 13, 1805; m. Daniel Sanford in 1834; d. July 7, 1834.

495. *Rachel*,[7] b. May 30, 1807; m. Dec. 7, 1830, Joseph C. Adams, of Huntington, Mass.

496. *Laura*,[7] m. Nathan Foster.

497. *Rhoda Laurinda*,[7] b. May 30, 1818; m. in June, 1838, as his second wife, Daniel Sanford.

498. SILAS,[6] b. in Jan. 1776; d. April 16, 1802; m. June, 1793, Eunice Bond, and had:

499. *Almin*,[7] b. May 22, 1794; d. Feb. 23, 1854; m. Dec., 1821, Roxanna Barnes, and lived in Southampton. They had: **i.** *Lucia R.*,[8] b. Sept. 24, 1822; d. Oct. 9, 1823. **ii.** *Silas*,[8] b. July 25, 1824; was a farmer in Southampton; m. May 20, 1851, Eliza Egleston; d. Jan. 1, 1865. **iii.** *Lucia R.*,[8] b. Dec. 1, 1826; d. Sept. 27, 1828. **iv.** *Almin B.*,[8] b. Oct. 28, 1830; was a teacher; m. Oct. 31, 1855, Mellissa Woodbury; d. March 28, 1863. **v.** *Andrew J.*,[8] b. May 2, 1833; was a clergyman; m. Ophre A. Searl, Aug. 15, 1862; d. in Shutesbury, Mass., Sept. 13, 1863. **vi.** *Roxanna E.*,[8] b. May 12, 1836; d. Oct. 27, 1838.

500. *Quartus*,[7] b. Dec. 14, 1795; was a farmer, and lived in Westfield; m. in Nov. 1821, Betsey Parsons, and had a daughter, *Electa C.*,[8] who m. Lysander C. Avery, of Easthampton.

501. *Sophia*,[7] b. Nov. 5, 1798; m. April 15, 1819, Ira Norton; lived in Southampton, and had ten children.

502. *Frederick*,[7] b. June 16, 1800; d. March 7, 1816.

503. *Eunice*,[7] b. July 28, 1802.

+504. ELISHA BASCOM,[6] b. Feb. 17, 1779; d. Jan. 3, 1860.

505. PAUL.[6] 506. APOLLOS.[6] Twins.

507. RACHEL,[6] m. Jacob Knox.

508. SIMEON,[6] m. and removed to Cambridge, N. Y. Children:

509. *Silas*,[7] m. Mrs. Lucy Ann ....., and had two children.

510. *Otis*,[7] m. Mary D. Ramsdell, of Perrington, N. Y., and afterwards removed to Boston, where Mrs. C. died Feb. 8, 1844. Aug. 6, 1846, he m. Lucy Ramsdell. Children: **i.** *Margaret F.*,[8] b. in 1836. **ii.** *Hannah S.*[8] **iii.** *Henry E.*[8]

511. *Henry*,[7] d. in 1837, unm.

512. *John*,[7] m. Frances Brockway, of Whitestown, N. Y., and had two children.

513. PHILEMON.[6] 514. PHILETUS,[6] d. young.

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SELAH[5] (*Samuel*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in Southampton, May 16, 1744, and died in that town in May, 1794. He was a farmer; married Abigail Clark, of Montgomery, Mass.

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Children of SELAH and ABIGAIL (Clark) CLAPP:

515. ERASTUS,[6] b. April 4, 1768; d. in Ohio, May 28, 1825.
516. MERCY,[6] b. Jan. 31, 1771; d. in Montgomery, Dec. 1808.
517. NAOMI,[6] b. March 3, 1773; m. Jesse Searl.
518. SELAH,[6] b. June 7, 1775; d. June 4, 1840; m. March 1, 1804, Diana Sheldon; lived in Montgomery, Mass., and afterwards removed to Franklin, Ohio, between 1820 and 1824. Chil.:
  519. *Silas*,[7] b. Dec. 24, 1804; m. Angeline Hildreth, and lives in Oshkosh, Wis. Is a physician.
  520. *Susanna*,[7] b. Oct. 13, 1807; m. Daniel T. Torrey.
  521. *Spencer*,[7] b. Dec. 21, 1809; m. Oct. 1834, Philena Bond; d. in Long Grove, Scott Co., Iowa, April 29, 1868.
  522. *Selah Sheldon*,[7] b. Jan. 9, 1812; lives in Kent, Portage Co., Ohio; m. March 10, 1835, Mary G. Brown. Children: **i.** *Fanny Eliza*,[8] b. July 7, 1836; d. unm. at Franklin Mills, O., Jan. 1, 1855. **ii.** *Mary Adelia*,[8] b. Nov. 7, 1837. **iii.** *William Henry*,[8] b. Feb. 16, 1842; m. Dec. 2, 1868, Mary M. Richardson, and had: (1) *George G.*,[9] b. in 1869. **iv.** *Lucy Florilla*,[8] b. Sept. 2, 1845.
  523. *Samuel*,[7] b. Nov. 1, 1814; d. July 2, 1818.
  524. *Achsah*,[7] b. March 16, 1817; m. Sept. 18, 1844, William E. Beverly, and lived in Kendallville, Indiana; d. July 19, 1863.
  525. *Diana*,[7] b. Jan. 5, 1820; m. Philo Randall, and lives in Buchanan, Van Buren Co., Mich.
  526. *Dorcas Delany*,[7] b. Nov. 13, 1824; m. Sept. 18, 1844, Julius A. Burnell, of Davenport, Iowa.
527. CYRUS,[6] b. June 26, 1778; d. young.
528. ABIGAIL,[6] b. March 27, 1781: m. Heman Searl; d. in Southampton.
529. ACHSAH,[6] b. Dec. 6, 1784; d. October, 1801.
530. MARY,[6] b. Oct. 4, 1787; m. Zeno Coleman.

All born in Montgomery except the youngest.

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EBENEZER[5] (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Ebenezer and Catharine (Catlin) Clapp, was born in Northampton. He served his time at the tanning business with Col. Ebenezer Clapp, of Dorchester. He married, May 5, 1778, Nancy (the Records say Ann) Tileston, of Dorchester, and died about 1840.

Children of EBENEZER and NANCY (Tileston) CLAPP:

531. NANCY[6] (or Ann), b. Oct. 5, 1779; m. Sylvester Lyman, of Northampton; d. Jan. 28, 1827.
532. HANNAH,[6] b. Jan. 8, 1781; m. James Dunham, of Pittsfield, a native of New Jersey.
+533. JASON,[6] b. Nov. 5, 1782; d. October, 1868.
+534. EBENEZER,[6] b. March 23, 1786.
535. JAMES HARVEY,[6] b. March 5, 1792; d. April 23, 1871. A tavern-keeper in Belchertown; for several years he was a Representative to the General Court from that town. He m. first, Dec. 1815, Marilla D. Francis, of Pittsfield, who d. Dec. 7, 1852;

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m. second, March 30, 1854, Mrs. Sarah P. Roy, of Pittsfield. Children by first wife:

536. *Juliette*,[7] b. Sept. 24, 1816; m. June 20, 1839, Francis J. Clark; d. Jan. 12, 1842.

537. *John Francis*,[7] b. June 28, 1818; m. Dec. 25, 1844, Susan R. Brown.

538. *Ann Sophia*,[7] b. July 24, 1820; m. Sept. 21, 1842, George L. Clapp; d. Jan. 11, 1857.

539. *Everett*,[7] b. Sept. 6, 1822; m. Feb. 7, 1849, Romelia L. Hanks, and have children: i. *Knight L.*,[8] b. March 15, 1853; ii. *Everett L.*,[8] b. Jan. 20, 1857.

540. *Jane Marilla*,[7] b. Sept. 21, 1825; m. June 2, 1870, John M. Gilman.

541. *James Henry*,[7] b. June 10, 1831; d. Dec. 30, 1836.

542. *Edward Lyman*,[7] b. Sept. 6, 1832.

543. *Dwight Parker*,[7] b. Dec. 22, 1834; m. Oct. 4, 1865, Illie Crawford.

By second wife, Sarah P.:

544. *James Henry*,[7] b. Feb. 9, 1855; d. Sept. 10, 1863.

545. FRANCES T.,[6] b. Feb. 27, 1801.

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SYLVANUS[5] (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Ebenezer and Catharine (Catlin) Clapp, of Northampton, was born in 1764. He married, Jan. 6, 1792, Charity Pierce, and settled in Westhampton. He was a very popular man; and, though a democrat in politics, he was at various times chosen to the State Legislature by a union of both political parties. He was of a remarkably pleasant and genial disposition, possessed fine conversational powers, and could indulge in story-telling to universal acceptance. Some now living remember the pleasant exhibition of these qualities at the noon intermission on Sundays, at the house of Elisha B. Clapp (No. 504), near the meeting-house, in Westhampton. He died April 14, 1847.

Children of SYLVANUS and CHARITY (Pierce) CLAPP:

†546. BELA P.,[6] b. Nov. 6, 1792; d. in Williamsburgh, Sept. 4, 1856.

†547. RALPH,[6] b. Aug. 11, 1795; d. March 6, 1850.

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CEPHAS[5] (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born Feb. 17, 1766. He married, first, Anna Catlin, of Deerfield, who died March 31, 1816; second, Sophia Mann, of Boston.

Children of CEPHAS and 2d wife SOPHIA (Mann) CLAPP:

548. ANN S.,[6] b. Nov. 18, 1818; m. June 13, 1848, Solyman Merrick, and had one son. Mr. S. Merrick died, leaving a good estate. In 1861, at the breaking out of the great Rebellion, his widow volunteered her services as nurse, and went out with the 10th

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Mass. Regiment. She was engaged in the hospital, and took care of the sick and wounded with a motherly interest, paying her own expenses, and with her own hands supplying their wants. Her services received the special commendation of Pres. Lincoln. Mrs. Nowell's poem on Florence Nightingale might be appropriately applied to her:

"She stood beside the dying, calmed his fears,
Wiped the damp brow, and checked the falling tears;
Dressed ghastly wounds; or with some gentle wile,
Made the poor sufferer look up and smile:
Till ever as her angel form came nigh,
He kissed her shadow as it flitted by."

549. CAROLINE,[6] b. May 14, 1822; m. June 22, 1847, Hon. Albert D. Briggs, late Mayor of the city of Springfield, and had five children.

An infant child of Cephas and 1st wife, Anna, died Oct. 12, 1817.

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ABNER[4] (*Roger,*[4] *Roger,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Roger and wife Ann Clapp, was born in 1737. He probably resided in Southampton when he was young, and held the office of Lieutenant in that place. He afterwards removed to Martinsburg, N. Y., and was a Captain there. His wife, Mercy, died there, Aug. 10, 1823, aged about 80 years. He died Dec. 5, 1800.

Children of ABNER and wife MERCY CLAPP, of Martinsburg, N. Y.:

550. ORRIS,[5] b. March 19, 1770; m. Dec. 25, 1791, Phebe Blish; moved to Mentor, O., was a Judge of the Court, and d. there March 28, 1847. Children:
  551. *Tirzah*,[7] b. Jan. 28, 1793; d. March 23, 1793.
  552. *Orris*,[7] b. April 20, 1794; d. March 20, 1813.
  553. *Julia*,[7] b. Feb. 22, 1796; d. Feb. 22, 1831.
  554. *Phebe*,[7] b. Dec. 6, 1797; d. Feb. 1799.
  555. *Harriet*,[7] b. June 23, 1799; d. March, 1854.
  556. *Abner*,[7] b. Jan. 12, 1801; d. Nov. 4, 1820.
  557. *Betsey*,[7] b. Dec. 6, 1802; d. March 9, 1803.
  558. *Phebe*,[7] b. May 20, 1804; m. Dr. Archibald W. Campbell; living in 1870, and had four children.
  559. *Thomas Jefferson*,[7] b. Jan. 7, 1806; m. Nov. 12, 1831, Lorinda Bentley, a farmer; lived on the old homestead in Mentor, O.; no children of their own, but in 1860 had adopted two.
  560. *Matthew*,[7] b. Feb. 1, 1808; m. Sept., 1830, Alice Campbell, and had three children, all of whom, as well as his wife, d., and he m. second, in 1847, Lucy Randall, and had six children, four of them living in 1870. In that year he was minister of the Disciples' Church in Detroit, Mich.
  561. *John Milton*,[7] b. Jan. 16, 1810; d. in Charleston, S. C., Jan., 1858.
  562. *Henry H.*,[7] b. June 13, 1812; m. Nov. 29, 1835, Statira Newcomb; living, in 1870, in Mentor, O., with four children (having buried two), viz.: i. *William H.*,[8] b. Sept. 7, 1836; m. Sept. 29, 1859, Jennie P. Millard. Adjutant in the U. S.

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Army, and stationed at Nashville, Tenn., in 1873. He was commissioned 2d Lieut. 42d Ohio Vols. Sept. 25, 1861; 1st Lieut. do. March 14, 1862; Captain, May 22, 1863; mustered out Dec. 5, 1865, with a brevet of Lieut. Col. Vols. He took a commission in the U. S. Army and was transferred to the 16th Inf. April 14, 1869; appointed Adjt. May 1, 1872. He is much interested in the lineage of the Clapp family and the preparation of this "Memorial." His oldest child d. of cholera in 1873. **ii.** *Eliza C.*,[8] b. June 24, 1838; m. June 24, 1863, Harrison S. Glazier, and live in Mentor, O. **iii.** *Lorinda*,[8] b. Feb. 26, 1842; m. Nov. 20, 1867, Robert F. Dawson (b. in England), and live in Bedford, O. **iv.** *Edward K.*,[8] b. May 10, 1851; m. May 15, 1873, Emma Schram, and live in Akron, O.

563. *Mercy*,[7] b. April 8, 1814; d. September, 1818.

564. Daniel,[6] b. in 1771; d. in Dec. 1818, at Martinsburg, N. Y.

565. Abner,[6] b. March 25, 1775; m. at Colchester, Conn., in 1798, Mercy Gillet, and settled in Martinsburg, N. Y.; moved to Franklin county, Ohio, in 1835; was a captain of cavalry in the war of 1812. Children:

566. *Emily*,[7] b. Nov. 22, 1799; m. Oct. 12, 1823, Asa M. Rogers, and had three children. Mr. Rogers d. Jan. 2, 1831, and she m. Sept. 16, 1835, Apollos Rogers, and had a pair of twins.

567. *Ralph*,[7] b. May 1, 1801; m. Jan. 22, 1824, at Champion, N. Y., Sally Hubbard; was a Methodist minister, and acquired considerable celebrity; lived in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, and d. at President, in that State, Aug. 11, 1865. Children: **i.** *Edwin Emmett*,[8] b. Oct. 15, 1824; lives in President, Pa.; in 1870, said to have been very successful in the oil business. **ii.** *Charles Carroll*,[8] b. Sept. 2, 1826; d. March 29, 1843. **iii.** *Emeline*,[8] b. Nov. 24, 1829; d. June 23, 1865; m. Sept. 1853, E. R. Shankland, and removed to Dubuque; left four children. **iv.** *Caroline*,[8] b. May 4, 1833; m. Dec. 1, 1863, J. S. P. McCallister, and had three children in 1870. **v.** *John Martin*,[8] b. May 8, 1835; m. Dec. 21, 1865, Anna W. Pearson; live at Newcastle, Pa.; raised and was Captain of a military company in the great Rebellion. **vi.** *Ellen Gennett*,[8] b. Feb. 26, 1839; m. James McLinn; live in Baltimore.

568. *Arnold*,[7] b. Oct. 6, 1803; m. March 16, 1826, Louisa Adams, who d. Aug. 22, 1836, and he m. second, Oct. 6, 1836, Adeline R. Leonard. He was a farmer, and lived in Dahlonega, Iowa; he d. there Sept. 9, 1855. Children by first wife: **i.** *De Witt Clinton*,[8] b. July 13, 1827; m. Jan. 30, 1856, Delia Hubbard, and lived in Pittsburg, Pa., being engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods. Children: (1) *Kate Amelia*,[9] b. Nov. 20, 1856; (2) *George Hubbard*,[9] b. Dec. 14, 1858; (3) *Charles Edwin*,[9] b. Nov. 29, 1860. **ii.** *Elizabeth Sallie*,[8] b. Oct. 30, 1829; m. Jan. 25, 1855, Rev. C. A. Vananda, a Methodist Presiding Elder, and had five children in 1870. **iii.** *Martin Adams*,[8] b. Sept. 8, 1834; d. Aug. 30, 1835. **iv.** *James Adams*,[8] b. Aug. 17, 1836; d. Aug. 4, 1837. Children by second wife: **v.** *Philo Leonard*,[8] b. Oct. 14, 1837; a farmer

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in Dahlonega, and mm. in 1870. **vi.** *Louisa Adaline*,[8] b. Oct. 11, 1841; married. **vii.** *Louis Arnold*,[8] twin brother of Louisa A., b. Oct. 11, 1841; in 1870, single, and farming with his brother Philo L. **viii.** *Jane Mercy*,[8] b. Feb. 10, 1844. **ix.** *Dwight Oscar*,[8] b. April 9, 1847. **x.** *Charles Martin*,[8] b. Aug. 17, 1850. **xi.** *Clara Alberta*,[8] b. Sept. 7, 1852.

569. *Martin Gillett*,[7] b. June 28, 1807; m. May 24, 1831, Mary Ann Gillett; was a very energetic business man; lived in Watertown, N. Y., and d. there, Nov. 7, 1834, at the early age of 27 years. Children: **i.** *Harriet Emily*,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1832; m. Sept. 30, 1852, Peter L. Hyde. He was a volunteer in the great Rebellion; was acting as Colonel, and was shot through the head and instantly killed while leading on his charge at Arkansas Post, Jan. 11, 1863, leaving three children. **ii.** *Charles Martin*,[8] b. July 5, 1834; m. Aug. 25, 1857, Georgiana Derby, of Boston. He is extensively engaged in the India-rubber business in Boston, under the firm of C. M. Clapp & Co., who own and operate the large manufacturing establishment known as the Ætna Rubber Mills, and are general agents of National Rubber Co. Was one of the Committee of Arrangements for the second Clapp Family meeting, in Boston, 1873, and is alive to all that belongs to the history and good name of the Clapps, and of the merchants of Boston. Children: (1) *Georgine Lillian*,[9] b. Dec. 4, 1858; (2) *Hattie Emma*,[9] b. April 5, 1860.

570. *Ela Harlow*,[7] b. Dec. 4, 1810; m. Feb. 1, 1832, Lucia Huntington, who d. March 2, 1833, in Watertown, N. Y. He m. second, May 3, 1835, Eveline Wheeler, who d. in Farmington, Ill., May 15, 1850. He m. third, Sept. 15, 1850, Amelia E. Pratt. He was a physician of considerable celebrity, with an extensive practice in Farmington, Ill., which he was obliged to relinquish on account of his health; and having a taste for agricultural pursuits, he bought the Rome Farms, at Rome, Peoria Co., Ill. He takes great interest in the genealogy of his family, and furnished much valuable information for this "Memorial." In 1870, he had sold ont his estate in Rome, had retired from active business, and was residing in Chicago, Ill. Children by first wife: **i.** *George Huntington*,[8] b. Jan. 30, 1833; m. Nov. 14, 1860, Sarah Kelley; a farmer, in Chillicothe, Ill., and has one child. (1) *Charles L.*,[9] b. May 22, 1864. By second wife: **ii.** *Lucia Jane*,[8] b. April 6, 1836; m. Dec. 20, 1865, Ernest H. Bellinger; live at Owatonna, Minn. **iii.** *James Lewis*,[8] b. July 6, 1837; m. Aug. 6, 1868, Katie Barton. **iv.** *Francis*,[8] b. Jan. 4, 1839; d. Jan. 8, 1839. **v.** *Josephine*,[8] b. Feb. 7, 1846; d. at Farmington, Ill., Aug. 4, 1847. **vi.** *Henrietta*,[8] b. Dec. 5, 1849; d. at Farmington, Ill., May 6, 1850. By third wife: **vii.** *Mary*,[8] b. Aug. 21, 1853; d. Oct. 21, 1856. **viii.** *Eben Pratt*,[8] b. March 10, 1859.

571. *Horace E.*,[7] b. Mar. 19, 1813; d. in Norwich, O., Aug. 2, 1835.

572. *Philo*,[7] b. March 8, 1818; d. in Norwich, O., Aug. 23, 1835.

573. *Gennett*,[7] b. Oct. 19, 1823; m. April, 1843, Irwin Moore, who d. at Norwich, O., June 16, 1849, leaving two daughters: **i.**

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Mary A.,[8] now (1870) teaching at Jennings Seminary, Aurora, Ill. **ii.** *Elizabeth M.*,[8] lived with her father at Niles, Ohio.

574. JOEL,[6] b. March 25, 1775, twin brother of Abner; d. young.
575. JANE,[6] m. Mr. Lee.
576. MERCY,[6] m. Joel Shapley.
577. ELECTA,[6] m. John Pinney.
578. NANCY,[6] b. in 1783; d. unm. August 3, 1843.
579. ABIGAIL,[6] b. in 1785; d. unm. at Martinsburg, Nov. 12, 1812.

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JOEL[5] (*Roger*,[4] *Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Roger and wife Ann Clapp, and twin brother of the preceding, was born in 1737. He was Lieutenant of a military company; and he married MARY Pomeroy.

Children of JOEL and ..... (Pomeroy) CLAPP:

580. CYNTHIA,[6] b. Oct. 28, 1771; m. Oliver Clark, of Southampton, father of Rev. Lewis F. Clark; d. July 27, 1839.
581. JOEL,[6] b. July 17, 1772; m. Feb. 12, 1800, Turzey Trowbridge, of Buckland. Children:
582. *Rufus*,[7] b. Dec. 5, 1800; d. Sept. 12, 1802.
583. *Hannah*,[7] b. Nov. 19, 1803; m. May 30, 1827, Atwater Street, of Holyoke; d. April 12, 1834.
584. *Eliza*,[7] b. Aug. 13, 1806; m. Nov. 30, 1826, Julius Boyd, of W. Springfield, and had five children; d. Dec. 18, 1870.
585. *Rufus Trowbridge*,[7] b. Dec. 30, 1812; d. March 7, 1813.
586. *Joel Taylor*,[7] b. Aug. 6, 1814; a farmer and carpenter in Southampton; m. Diantha Minerva Coe, of Hartland, Conn. He was one of the first who proposed the plan of holding the Clapp Family Gathering in Northampton, in 1870, and labored incessantly in preparing for and carrying through that first meeting of the Clapps. Children: **i.** *Hannah Maria*,[8] b. Dec. 19, 1850; m. Sept. 2, 1874, Frank Cripps. **ii.** *Annetta Eliza*,[8] b. April 4, 1857.
587. *Turzey Maria*,[7] b. Oct. 23, 1820; d. unm. April 6, 1844.
588. STEPHEN,[6] b. Dec. 9, 1775; m. first, Eunice, dau. of Oliver Clark; m. second, Lucy Elwell; lived in Southampton. Children by first wife:
589. *Elmira*,[7] b. Aug. 13, 1802.
590. *Stephen Dickinson*,[7] b. April 11, 1805; m. first, in 1825, Electa Frary; m. second, in 1832, Martha M. Graves. Children: **i.** *Horace F.*,[8] b. May 16, 1825; m. May 2, 1854, Cordelia T. Thompson. Chil.: (1) *Mary E.*,[9] b. March 26, 1855; (2) *Iretta L.*,[9] b. Dec. 18, 1856; (3) *Chastine B.*,[9] b. June 11, 1858; (4) *Anna D.*,[9] b. Sept. 16, 1860; (5) *Franklin H.*,[9] b. June 9, 1867; (6) *Sheldon D.*,[9] b. Feb. 6, 1869. **ii.** *Eunice M.*,[8] b. May, 1827; m. Nov. 28, 1844, Elijah Lyon. **iii.** *Stephen D.*,[8] b. May 6, 1828; m. Sept. 22, 1849, Sybil C. Strong. Chil.: (1) *Henry S.*,[9] b. July 5, 1851; (2) *Ella Jane*,[9] b. Oct. 5, 1860, d. December, 1860; (3) *Estella*,[9] b. Oct.

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10, 1863; (4) *Cora B.*,[9] b. July 2, 1868; (5) *William*,[9] b. June 27, 1870. **iv.** *Sheldon Robert*,[8] twin brother of Stephen D., b. May 6, 1828; m. Mary (or Miriam) E. Strong, July, 1845—he being 17 years old, and his wife 20 years. Chil.: (1) *Mary Elizabeth*,[9] b. July 17, 1846; (2) *William S.*,[9] b. July 12, 1849, d. June 9, 1862; (3) *Albert E.*,[9] b. July 10, 1854; (4) *Nellie Louisa*,[9] b. June 20, 1857. **v.** *Electa E.*,[8] b. May, 1830; d. May, 1833. **vi.** *Elmira G.*,[8] b. June 2, 1834; m. Abner Shelon. **vii.** *Philena G.*,[8] b. Sept. 3, 1840; m. William H. Kingsley, who was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness in 1864. She d. April, 1864. **viii.** *Martha E.*,[8] b. June 4, 1844; d. Feb. 16, 1864. **ix.** *Abner A.*,[8] b. June 3, 1846.

591. *Mary*,[7] b. Feb. 17, 1809.

592. *Sophia*,[7] b. Aug. 26, 1811.

593. *Abner C.*,[7] b. March 26, 1814; m. Dec. 3, 1837, Gertrude Van Santford; lived in Albany. Children: **i.** *Augustus A.*,[8] b. Oct. 16, 1838; m. Aug. 17, 1864, Jennie F. Weaver, and had: (1) *Emma F.*,[9] b. June 4, 1865; (2) *Maggie L.*,[9] b. Jan. 13, 1869. **ii.** *Catharine E.*,[8] b. Oct. 12, 1841; d. March 24, 1845. **iii.** *Sophia S.*,[8] b. Aug. 28, 1843; d. April 15, 1846. **iv.** *William H.*,[8] b. Nov. 15, 1845. **v.** *Mary E.*,[8] b. June 22, 1848; d. Dec. 10, 1869. **vi.** *Abigail A.*,[8] b. March 30, 1851. **vii.** *Stephen D.*,[8] b. May 17, 1855; d. March 11, 1861.

Child by second wife:

594. *Ansel D.*,[7] b. March 4, 1821.

595. HANNAH,[6] m. Rufus Trowbridge.

596. JEMIMA,[6] b. Feb. 21, 1780; m. Hezekiah Wright; d. Aug. 9, 1862.

597. SUSAN,[6] b. June 29, 1785; m. Feb. 18, 1806, Thomas Rowley; d. Sept. 6, 1855.

598. CHESTER,[6] b. Nov. 25, 1788; d. Sept. 9, 1862; m. Sept. 19, 1814, Jerusha Hannum. Children:

599. *Mercy Ann*,[7] b. May 20, 1816; m. Nov. 30, 1837, William DeLancy; lived in Unionville, Conn.

600. *Dorcas Hannum*,[7] b. Nov. 18, 1818; m. Sept. 25, 1841, Morris Wolcott; lived in Westhampton.

601. *Charles Lewis*,[7] b. May 14, 1821; d. May 11, 1866; m. Dec. 17, 1846, Dorris R. Burt; a farmer, and lived in Southampton. Children: **i.** *Elbertine Lucretia*,[8] b. May 31, 1848; d. May 6, 1850. **ii.** *Dwight Thompson*,[8] b. Sept. 23, 1851; d. Sept. 22, 1852. **iii.** *Velina Elbertine*,[8] b. Sept. 29, 1853; m. Sept. 2, 1869, Charles P. Graves, and lives in Kewanee, Henry Co., Ill. **iv.** *Elzine Lewis*,[8] b. Dec. 7, 1856; d. Aug. 26, 1858. **v.** *Myra Bell*,[8] b. Jan. 31, 1860. **vi.** *Charles Burt*,[8] b. Feb. 22, 1864.

602. *Eunice Octavia*,[7] b. Dec. 1823; m. Jan. 1, 1857, Henry Cady, and lived in Southampton.

603. *Charity Lyman*,[7] b. Nov. 13, 1827; m. April 12, 1849, Matthew Delancy; lived in Richmond, Va., where she d. April 23, 1855.

604. *Susan Jerusha*,[7] b. Nov. 18, 1832; m. Nov. 13, 1857, Albert D. Searl, and lived in Lawrence, Kansas.

605. MERCY,[6] unmarried.

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JONATHAN[5] (*Jonathan,*[4] *Roger,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest child of Jonathan and Submit (Strong) Clapp, of Easthampton, was born Oct. 8, 1735. He married, first, Mary Strong, of Coventry, Conn.; second, Margaret Roguel, who died April 25, 1821. He settled in the north part of Easthampton, and succeeded his father as a tavern keeper there.

Child of JONATHAN and 1st wife MARY (Strong) CLAPP:

606. JONATHAN,[6] b. March 2, 1777.

Children of JONATHAN and 2d wife MARGARET (Roguel) CLAPP:

607. MARY,[6] b. Jan. 23, 1779; m. Ichabod Wright.
+608. MEDAD,[6] b. Nov. 5, 1783; d. July 29, 1853.
609. DANIEL,[6] b. in 1793.
610. MARGARET,[6] m. first, Roswell Knight; second, John Ludden.

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JOSEPH[5] (*Jonathan,*[4] *Roger,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), second son of Jonathan and Submit (Strong) Clapp, of Easthampton, was born in that town Nov. 3, 1736. He was a military Captain, and was active in all church and town affairs. When the town was incorporated, the first meeting for the choice of officers took place at his house, and the church was also organized there. He married Hannah Lyman.

Children of JOSEPH and HANNAH (Lyman) CLAPP:

611. ELIZABETH,[6] b. March 14, 1763; m. Eliakim Phelps, of Chesterfield, and settled in Northampton. She lived to be over 80 years old.
612. JOSEPH,[6] b. Nov. 11, 1764: a merchant in Easthampton, an influential man in the place, and town clerk for many years; m. Susan Lyman; retired from mercantile life in 1810, and in 1830 removed to Homer, N. Y., where he died. Children:
    613. *Joseph.*[7] A brewer; lived in Homer, N. Y.
    614. *Sumner G.,*[7] b. March 10, 1800; graduated at Andover Theological Seminary in 1827, and was settled in Cabotville, Mass., and other places. The latter part of his life, he lived in Dorchester, but removed to Boston, and d. very suddenly, Jan. 26, 1869, almost the same day he removed there. He m. in 1829, Pamelia Strong, of Southampton. Children: **i.** *Frances Amelia,*[8] b. Nov. 2, 1831, at Enfield, Mass.; m. Dec. 8, 1852, Franklin Fairbanks, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., one of the firm of the famous scale manufacturers. **ii.** *Henry Lyman,*[8] b. Aug. 18, 1836; m. Jan. 25, 1865, Susan R. Tainter, of South Brookfield, Mass.
    615. *Alonzo.*[7] A merchant in Illinois.
    616. *Alexander.*[7] Studied Theology in Andover. Was a teacher in Mississippi, also in Worthington and Pittsfield, Mass. Has been an inmate of the Insane Asylum in Worcester.

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Other children are also referred to in Mr. Lyman's History of Easthampton.

+617. THADDEUS,[6] b. March 31, 1770.

618. LUTHER,[6] b. April 8, 1772; m. Tirzah, dau. of Deacon Enoch White, of South Hadley, and d. Aug. 17, 1811, aged 39 years, without issue. His wife d. a fortnight after, aged 38 years. They were buried in the same grave, and a monument over it says of them, "They were active, pleasant, benevolent, devout." He was Captain of a military company.

619. ISAAC,[6] settled in the centre of the town, and was joint partner in the flouring mill there, and also carried on a farm; m. Judith Kirkland, of Norwich. Children:

620. *Marilla*,[7] m. Edwin Kinsley, of Southampton.

621. *Judith*,[7] m. Theodore Lyman.

622. *Isaac K.*,[7] m. Alice, dau. of Sylvester Knight, and lived in Easthampton.

623. *Maria Ann*.[7]

624. *Edward*,[7] a farmer; not m. in 1843.

625. RUFUS,[6] lived in Michigan; m..... Ceeley, who d. March 21, 1847. Children:

626. *Edwin M.*,[7] lived in Kalamazoo, Mich.

627. *Rufus S.*,[7] lived in New Diggings, Wisconsin, and afterwards removed to Nevada.

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BENJAMIN[5] (*Jonathan*,[4] *Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), third son of Jonathan and Submit (Strong) Clapp, of Easthampton, was born Dec. 16, 1738; married Phebe Boynton; died Nov. 8, 1815, aged 77 years. He is said to have been remarkably strong and rugged, and he continued through life the old puritanic habit of attending church every Sunday. He was in the Revolutionary army for a time, but was called home to take charge of his sick father. Mrs. Clapp died in 1847. The following obituary notice of her appeared in the *Northampton Courier*:—"Died, at Easthampton, Nov. 30, 1847, Mrs. Phebe Clapp, aged 97 years and 7 days. She was married 82 years since to Mr. Benjamin Clapp, and was the mother of fifteen children, thirteen of whom lived to become heads of families. One daughter, now at the age of 79 years, followed her to the grave. She had about seventy grandchildren."

Children of BENJAMIN and PHEBE (Boynton) CLAPP:

628. RACHEL,[6] b. Feb. 28, 1768; m. Jan. 1800, Nathaniel Edwards, of Northampton; d. July 11, 1868, aged 100 years, 4 mos. and 11 days.

629. OCRAN,[6] b. Feb. 27, 1770; d. Dec. 16, 1835; m. Mrs. Sarah Brown, dau. of Capt. David Lyman, of Easthampton, and widow of Mr. Brown, by whom she had had two children. Children of Ocran and wife:

630. *Lucy*,[7] m. Milton Lloyd, of Blandford.

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631. *Lorenzo,*[7] m. Sophronia Clark, of Southampton, and removed to Missouri in 1844; d. about 1859.
632. *Algernon,*[7] b. Aug. 1810; became a cripple at 15 years, but perambulated the Western States, and in 1857 settled down in Dahlonega, Walpole Co., Iowa; a man of genius; the author of this book corresponded with him in 1863 and subsequently; was never married.
633. *Florella,*[7] d. unmarried.
634. *Clymene,*[7] d. unmarried.

635. SOPHIA,[6] b. Dec. 9, 1771; m. Rev. Gail Newell, of Nelson, N. H.; d. Sept. 11, 1840.
636. ANNA,[6] b. Nov. 21, 1773; d. Dec. 13, 1802; m. Medad Lyman, and removed to Charlotte, Vermont.
637. CLARISSA,[6] b. Feb. 22, 1776; m. Jonathan Lyman, and removed to N. Ferrisburg, Vt.; was living in 1864.
638. BENJAMIN,[6] b. Nov. 14, 1778; d. April 1, 1821. He was a physician, and lived near Columbia, S. C. Married, and had a son *George.*[7]
639. SALLY,[6] b. Nov. 15, 1780; m. Dec. 31, 1806, Daniel Lyman, of Easthampton; d. January, 1844.
640. SOLOMON,[6] b. Sept. 2, 1782; d. December, 1826; m. Pauline Avery, and settled in Easthampton. Children:
641. *Emulus,*[7] lived in Ohio.
642. *William Noyes,*[7] b. Nov. 3, 1810; a farmer; m. first, Tryphena Janes, who d. July 29, 1847; m. second, Jan. 4, 1848, Emily Janes, who d. Nov. 8, 1861; m. third, Oct. 1, 1862, Prudence Wait. Children: **i.** *Sarah Eugenia.*[8] **ii.** *Solomon Parsons,*[8] b. March 17, 1837; m. May 14, 1865, Laura Leonard, of Worthington, and had: (1) *Rosa Ward,*[9] b. Oct. 10, 1869. **iii.** *William Edgar,*[8] b. Sept. 9, 1839; m. April 19, 1865, Ellen M. Clark, and had: (1) *Carrie Tryphena,*[9] b. April 15, 1866. **iv.** *Eliza Tryphena,*[8] b. Dec. 31, 1843; m. Nov. 8, 1865, George W. Guilford, of Cummington. **v.** *Emily Maria,*[8] b. Nov. 14, 1859. **vi.** *Hattie Ellen,*[8] b. Oct. 13, 1861. **vii.** *Mary Etta,*[8] b. Aug. 6, 1866; d. Dec. 1866. **viii.** *Charles Benjamin,*[8] b. Nov. 27, 1869; d. Dec. 31, 1869.
643. *Mariette,*[7] b. April 20, 1814; m. Nov. 6, 1835, Joseph F. Alvord and had seven children. They were the first settlers in the town of Bement, Ill., and as the country commenced to grow and the railroad was carried through, their house was made the depot, hotel and boarding-house for the in-coming population. They had three sons in the army during the war of the Rebellion, one of whom was killed at the battle of Stone River, Tenn., and another d. of disease. Mr. and Mrs. Alvord were at the Family Gathering at Northampton in 1870.
644. *Benjamin,*[7] moved to Ohio.
645. *Solomon,*[7] moved to Ohio.
646. *Theodore,*[7] moved to Ohio.
647. *George,*[7] a farmer in Minnesota.
648. *Jane Elizabeth,*[7] b. Nov. 17, 1825; m. May 21, 1845, Zabdiel A. Thayer, of Williamsburg, and had five children.

Lyman's History mentions as chil. of Solomon: *Sophia,*[7] *Amelia.*[7]

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649. SPENCER,[7] b. Aug. 15, 1784; settled in Easthampton, and afterwards removed to Windsor, Conn. He m. Jan. 1, 1805, Diana Phelps. Children:

650. *Alfred*,[7] b. Dec. 9, 1813; m. Sept. 24, 1849, Mariette Tupper. He is a farmer, and lives in Huntington; tall in stature; is alive to all the passing events of the day, and took an active part in the Clapp Family Gathering at Northampton in 1870. His children are: **i.** *Florence Ada*,[8] b. Sept. 1, 1850. **ii.** *Henry B.*,[8] b. Jan. 19, 1854. **iii.** *Julia M.*,[8] b. Aug. 13, 1856.

651. *Nelson*,[7] lived in Plainfield.

652. *Eliza*,[7] d. early.

653. *Caroline*,[7] m. Jared Smith, of Granby.

654. *Spencer*,[7] lived in Winsted, Conn.
A Spencer Clapp d. Dec. 11, 1816.

655. *Lewis*,[7] b. Oct. 5, 1822; m. May 20, 1845, Augusta A. Wright, who was b. Sept. 28, 1845, and d. Feb. 15, 1871. He dated from Montreal in 1871.

656. PHEBE,[6] b. Sept. 6, 1786; m. Levi Clapp (No. 268), of Easthampton.

657. FANNY,[6] b. Feb. 24, 1789; m. Jan. 5, 1809, Jared Clark, of Easthampton, and removed to Bucksville, Ohio, where she was living a widow in 1864.

658. CAROLINE,[6] b. Oct. 15, 1791; m. Aug. 1812, Milton Knight; living in Huntington in 1864, and had had six children.

659. GEORGE,[6] b. April 24, 1794; settled in Spencer; d. July 15, 1825.

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CHARLES[5] (*Simeon*,[4] *Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Simeon and Sarah (Clark) Clapp, of Northampton, was born Oct. 18, 1767, and died March 14, 1859. He married, Nov. 28, 1792, Abigail Clark, of Northampton, who was born July 16, 1770, and they lived in Worthington.

Children of CHARLES and ABIGAIL (Clark) CLAPP:

+660. LEVI,[6] b. Feb. 11, 1794; d. Dec. 7, 1854.

661. CHLOE,[6] b. July 11, 1796; m. Nov. 9, 1817, Solomon P. Fitch; d. Jan. 10, 1852.

662. ABIGAIL MELENTHE,[6] b. Oct. 31, 1800; m. April 8, 1820, Fordyce Sampson; d. Feb. 13, 1861.

663. MARY ANN ELIZABETH,[6] b. Dec. 28, 1803; m. March 14, 1833, Sumner Dunlap; d. July 19, 1861.

664. JULIETTE MERIAH,[6] b. Jan. 26, 1806; d. April 7, 1832; m. Aug. 21, 1826, Simeon Clapp.

665. SARAH WRIGHT,[6] b. Feb. 24, 1809; m. Nov. 27, 1844, Austin Ware; d. March 26, 1858.

666. LAURA JANE,[6] b. July 24, 1812; m. May 28, 1833, Samuel D. Billings, and had four children.

667. CHARLES CLARK,[6] b. Jan. 10, 1817; m. Sept. 1843, Lucy A. Bascom; d. July 4, 1854.

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THOMAS[5] (*Thomas,*[4] *Thomas,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Thomas and ..... (Colt) Clapp, married, Jan. 1782, Huldah Bull, and resided on the farm in Hartford with his father until 1792, or later, then removed to New York city.

Children of THOMAS and HULDAH (Bull) CLAPP:

668. MARY,[6] b. March 5, 1784; m. Samuel Green, of New York, and had three children.
+669. JAMES,[6] b. Dec. 20, 1785; d. Jan. 8, 1854, aged 68 years.
670. CYNTHIA,[6] b. Jan. 26, 1788; d. in 1805, aged 17 years.
671. ABIGAIL,[6] b. Feb. 21, 1793.
672. CATHARINE,[6] d. young.
+673. JOHN,[6] b. Aug. 22, 1801.

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ROSWELL[4] (*Preserved,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Preserved,*[2] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Dr. Preserved Clapp, of Amherst, was born in 1766. He married Rachel Stevens, and settled in Claremont, N. H. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and received a pension from government the latter part of his life. He died in 1843.

Children of ROSWELL and RACHEL (Stevens) CLAPP:

674. HORACE,[7] b. in 1790; m. June 28, 1818, Hannah Ivers, of Boston. Was at the Clapp Gatherings in 1870 and 1873, and was then living in Cambridge, Mass. Children:
675. *Horace,*[8] settled in Savannah, Geo.
676. *William,*[8] a hatter by trade.
677. *Caroline.*[8]
+678. DERASTUS,[7] b. May 1, 1792.
679. SOLON,[7] m. first, July 10, 1816, Hannah Kimball; second, Sophia Dodge, and lived in Manchester, N. H. Children:
680. *Harriet,*[8] b. in 1817; d. Feb. 29, 1840.
681. *Elizabeth Ann,*[8] b. in 1820; m. D. Drake.
682. *Sylvina Amelia,*[8] } Twins, b. April 27, 1823. { m. F. Rowe.
683. *Solon Alexander,*[8] } { m. Nov. 19, 1846, Caroline E. Hodgdon, and lived in Newton.
684. OLIVER,[7] d. in Springfield, unm., in 1820 or 1821.
685. ALEXANDER HAMILTON,[7] m. Nov. 19, 1829, Elizabeth Merchant, and had a dau. *Emily.*[8] He was a chaise and harness maker in Brookline.
686. THEODOSIA,[7] m. Theodore W. Cunningham, of Boston, and had two children.
687. MARY,[7] m. Mr. Newton, who d. in Boston, of smallpox, about 1840.

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JOHN[6] (*John,*[5] *John,*[4] *Preserved,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of John and Eunice (Smead) Clapp, of Deerfield, married Phebe Ross, and removed to Ohio.

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Children of JOHN and PHEBE (ROSS) CLAPP:

688. PHEBE,[7] b. Feb. 5, 1786; d. unm. Aug. 2, 1837.
689. ARTEMAS,[7] b. March 3, 1787; d. by drowning, May 11, 1802.
690. EBENEZER,[7] b. May 13, 1788; d. Feb. 4, 1858; m. first, Sally Clary, of Deerfield, who d. Oct. 18, 1821, and he m. second, Dec. 15, 1822, Abigail Anderson. Lived in Hatfield. Children by first wife:
691. *Sally,*[8] b. May 14, 1815.
692. *Pamelia Clay,*[8] b. June 21, 1817.
693. *Sarah Maria,*[8] b. July 7, 1819.

By second wife Abigail:

694. *Hiram Spencer,*[8] b. Sept. 18, 1823; d. Sept. 22, 1824.
695. *Fidelia,*[8] b. Aug. 14, 1825.
696. *Charles Henry,*[8] b. Sept. 30, 1827.
697. *Helen Mar,*[8] b. Dec. 4, 1829.
698. *Jane,*[8] b. May 6, 1831.

699. CATHARINE,[7] b. Jan. 31, 1790; m. Hibbard Smith; d. April 17, 1852.
700. SALLY,[7] b. Oct. 10, 1791; m. and lived in Buffalo, N. Y.
701. JOHN,[7] b. May 21, 1793; d. May 28, 1837.
702. SPENCER,[7] b. Aug. 17, 1794; d. unm., Nov. 2, 1818.
703. ZENAS,[7] b. Jan. 30, 1796; He m. Pamelia Clary, sister of his brother Ebenezer's wife, and after his death she m. again and removed to Ohio. Zenas was preceptor of an Academy in the western part of New York State; had a dau. *Harriet.*[8] He d. Jan. 29, 1837.
704. CALVIN ROSS,[7] b. June 23, 1797; m. first, November, 1822, Tirzah Smith, sister to the husband of his sister Catharine; she died, and he m. second, Philena Graves, and for a third wife he m., Aug. 13, 1857, Submit Farnsworth. They lived in Deerfield. Children by first wife:
705. *Edwin H.,*[8] b. Dec. 25, 1823.
706. *Thomas G.,*[8] b. Sept. 1, 1825; m. Jan. 21, 1852, Hannah Ball, and had: **i.** *Isa L.,*[9] b. Aug. 2, 1854; **ii.** *Wyman W.,*[9] b. Oct. 30, 1862: **iii.** *Sarah J.,*[9] b. Nov. 27, 1863; **iv.** *William H.,*[9] b. April 9, 1865; **v.** *Hannah F.,*[9] b. June 20, 1867. Wife Hannah d. July 5, 1867, and he m. second, March 14, 1868, Ruth L. Richmond, and had: **vi.** *Ethel M.,*[9] b. Feb. 4, 1871.
707. *Sarah Jane,*[8] b. Oct. 18, 1827; d. Jan. 21, 1859.
708. *Marion A.,*[8] b. Dec. 5, 1829; d. Sept. 13, 1856.
709. *Eunice M.,*[8] b. Dec. 22, 1831.

By second wife Philena:

710. *William H.,*[8] b. Sept. 8, 1841.
711. *Charles L.,*[8] b. July 28, 1850.
712. *Tirzah P.,*[8] b. Oct 5, 1853; d. July 3, 1854.
713. *Calvin S.,*[8] b. July 1, 1856.

714. HIRAM,[7] b. Dec. 26, 1798; d. March 1, 1871; m. first, widow Cobb, lived in Deerfield, and had a family; m. second, Feb. 28, 1870, a year before his decease, his cousin Catharine G. (No. 422), dau. of Erastus Clapp, and widow of Joel Fish.

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715. PATTY,[7] b. May 4, 1800; d. Aug. 6, 1803.
716. SAMUEL,[7] b. May 29, 1801; d. Oct. 9, 1801.
717. EUNICE,[7] b. July 9, 1803; m. ..... Bridges, and lived in Deerfield; d. Nov. 5, 1831.

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ELISHA[6] (*John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), second son of John and Eunice (Smead) Clapp, married Asenath Taylor. He died Feb. 3, 1835, and she died Aug. 26, 1827.

Children of ELISHA and ASENATH (Taylor) CLAPP of Deerfield:

718. ELEANOR,[7] b. Feb. 3, 1793; m. William Ross, and lived in Springfield, Mass.
719. NANCY,[7] b. Oct. 10, 1794; lived in Deerfield, unm.
720. GRATIA,[7] b. Nov. 2, 1796; m. Hart Phillips, of Deerfield; d. at Hoosac, N. Y., Nov. 11, 1831.
721. SETH,[7] b. Dec. 18, 1798; m. Sophia Ann Bogue, and lived in Amherst, Mass.; d. at Galesville, N. Y., June 23, 1853. Chil.:
    722. *Frances Sophia*,[8] b. Feb. 8, 1829, in Shutesbury; a teacher in Amherst, Mass.
    723. *Elisha Bogue*,[8] b. in 1835; m. Alice Jane Connelly; moved to Huntsville, Ala., in June, 1859; thence to Ledger, N. C., and afterwards to Knoxville, Tenn.; a hardware merchant and dealer in mica. Children: **i.** *William Ralph*,[9] b. March 26, 1860; **ii.** *Mary Lilly*,[9] b. Oct. 18, 1864; **iii.** *Sara Blanche*,[9] b. Jan. 1, 1870.
724. RALPH,[7] b. Dec. 18, 1802; d. Oct. 13, 1857; m. April 7, 1841, Minerva Smith, and lived in Deerfield. She d. Aug. 26, 1867. Children:
    725. *Alfred Dwight*,[8] b. Feb. 10, 1842.
    726. *Addison Hibbard*,[8] b. April 2, 1843.
    727. *Edward Payson*,[8] b. Aug. 20, 1846; m. Oct. 22, 1868, Sara Sheldon Clary, and had: **i.** *Ralph C.*,[9] b. July 19, 1870.
    728. *Myra Elizabeth*,[8] b. May 20, 1850.
729. FRANKLIN,[7] b. July 4, 1804; m. June 2, 1835, Lona White, of Colraine, Mass., and lived in Deerfield. Children:
    730. *Mary Jane*,[8] b. Feb. 2, 1836.
    731. *Alonzo Smead*,[8] b. Aug. 7, 1839; m. May 2, 1871, Etta J. Ripley, b. Nov. 27, 1846.
    732. *James White*,[8] b. July 30, 1842.
    733. *George Franklin*,[8] b. Oct. 22, 1846.
734. MYRA,[7] b. Aug. 3, 1807; d. Dec. 15, 1831.
735. FANNY,[7] b. March 29, 1810.
736. ALONZO,[7] b. March 11, 1813; d. at Terre Haute, Ind., June 4, 1835.

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JOSEPH[6] (*John*,[5] *John*,[4] *Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), third son of John and Eunice (Smead) Clapp, was born in August, 1770, and died about the year 1819. He was a very ingenious mechanic. He

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married Ann, daughter of Capt. Moses Harvey, and settled in Montague. Capt. Harvey was distinguished for his bravery during the French and Indian war; in one engagement he had three bullets shot through his hat by the Indians.

Children of JOSEPH and ANN (Harvey) CLAPP:

737. MARTIN HARVEY,[7] b. March 9, 1797; d. 1873. In 1826, he m. Maria Russell, of Montague, who d. Dec. 16, 1858. In Nov. 1861, he m. second, Clara Ball. They lived in Montague, and for several years he represented that town in the General Court. His father dying when he was about 20 years old, the care of the mother's family mostly devolved upon him. He was much respected for his worth. Children by first wife:
   738. *George A.*,[8] b. March 6, 1827; a grocer in Montague; m. April 8, 1852, Irene F. Parker. Children: **i.** *Robert P.*,[9] b. Oct. 21, 1855; **ii.** *Lucia M.*,[9] b. July 23, 1860.
   739. *Minerva*,[8] b. April 11, 1829; d. May 10, 1847.
   740. *James Henry*,[8] b. March 8, 1834; a manufacturer of tools in New Bedford, Mass.
   741. *Wales Wilberforce*,[8] b. March 27, 1836; a surgeon-dentist in Norwich, Conn.
   742. *Maria L.*,[8] b. Jan. 4, 1840.
   743. *Rollin Neale*,[8] b. Aug. 18, 1843; a stove-dealer in Montague; m. May 10, 1865, Esther B. Dwight.
744. JOSEPH,[7] b. Aug. 23, 1798. He lived in Montague, and represented that town in 1840 in the State Legislature. He m. Sept. 13, 1823, Betsey Puffer; d. Dec. 2, 1848. Children:
   745. *Joseph*,[8] b. Oct. 13, 1824; m. Feb. 26, 1851, Sarah E. Stone, and had: **i.** *Ellen Sarah*,[9] b. March 27, 1856; **ii.** *Bessie Loise*,[9] b. Oct. 21, 1866.
   746. *Elizabeth*,[8] b. June 18, 1826; d. March 29, 1833.
   747. *Louisa*,[8] b. Sept. 29, 1829; m. Dec. 13, 1849, Samuel D. Bardwell.
   748. *Elizabeth*,[8] b. Aug. 20, 1833; m. Aug. 30, 1854, Spencer S. Sherman, and lived in Boston.
   749. *Erastus S.*,[8] b. May 13, 1838; a musician.
   750. *Julia Ann*,[8] b. Oct. 5, 1842; d. Jan. 7, 1846.
   751. *Edward*,[8] b. May 6, 1844; m. Nov. 23, 1873, Ella F. Cobb.
752. LUCY,[7] m. Jesse Gunn, and lived in Ohio.
753. GEORGE,[7] m. about 1828, Mary Ann Puffer, sister to his brother Joseph's wife. In 1841, he was a representative to the General Court. Children:
   754. *Lucy Ann*,[8] b. Aug. 15, 1828; m. 1849, Austin Ayres.
   755. *Jane Eliza*,[8] b. Aug. 27, 1830; m. 1850, Rufus W. Stratton.
   756. *Lydia Helen*,[8] b. Jan. 25, 1833; is dead.
   757. *Cyrus Clinton*,[8] b. Feb. 26, 1835; m. 1855, Ellen L. Paige.
   758. *Julius Moore*,[8] b. Feb. 28, 1837; m. Ellen Taylor.
   759. *Mary Augusta*,[8] b. June 16, 1839.
   760. *Hannah Sophia*,[8] b. Oct. 10, 1841; m. 1864, James Dike.
   761. *Sarah Adelaide*,[8] b. Jan. 2, 1844; m. in 1867, Thomas E. N. Eaton.
   762. *Heman Walbridge Miller*,[8] b. Sept. 10, 1845.
   763. *Alice Eugenie*,[8] b. June 29, 1848; d. Aug. 29, 1849.

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764. *George Willis*,[8] b. Nov. 2, 1851; d. Nov. 9, 1851.
765. ERASTUS S.,[7] b. Sept. 9, 1804; lived in Montague; m. Oct. 7, 1847, Silinda J. Parker, of Amherst. Children:
766. *Charles F.*,[8] b. Sept. 9, 1848.
767. *Annie S.*,[8] b. Feb. 4, 1852.
768. *Ada H.*,[8] b. July 15, 1856.
769. AVERY,[7] m. Feb. 17, 1831, Caroline A. Morse; a wheelwright by trade, in Montague. Children:
770. *Dwight*,[8] } twins, b. Sept. 9, 1839; { m. Aug. 12, 1863, Carrie
771. *Avery*,[8] } { E. Turner, and had: i. *Luckey*,[9] b. Aug. 10, 1864.
772. *Christopher A.*,[8] b. April 15, 1842; m. May 3, 1864, Angie M. Dudley; a tavern-keeper.
773. CYRUS,[7] m. Jan. 8, 1837, Sophia Brown. They lived in Ohio, but returned to Montague about 1848. Children:
774. *Frances*,[8] b. Nov. 22, 1837, in Perry, Ohio.
775. *Lawrey*,[8] b. Nov. 4, 1839; m. March 8, 1865, Hattie M. Gunn, Chil.: i. *Lula Bell*,[9] b. Jan. 24, 1866; ii. *Ernest Wellington*,[9] b. March 31, 1868; iii. *Edward Clifton*,[9] b. Aug. 3, 1870.
776. *Ann Maria*,[8] b. Aug. 7, 1842; m. in 1869, Sumner Ball.
777. *Dwight C.*,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1844; m. in 1870, Mary A. Blodgett.
778. *Emma S.*,[8] b. Aug. 10, 1846; m. in 1868, Edward P. Gunn.
779. *Martin Harvey*,[8] b. Dec. 22, 1848; lives in Kansas.
780. *Julia A.*,[8] b. April 1, 1851; teacher.

781. *Horace Greeley*,[8] b. Sept. 5, 1853; d. June 11, 1859.
782. *Fred.*,[8] b. Oct. 1, 1855.
783. JULIA ANN,[7] m. Charles Whitmore, and lived in Sunderland.

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JOSHUA[6] (*Ezra*,[5] *Ezra*,[4] *Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), sixth son of Ezra and Grace (Mather) Clapp, was born in Westfield, May 15, 1794. He married, May 15, 1826, Lucia D., youngest daughter of Hon. N. P. Denny, of Leicester. From one of a series of articles entitled "Reminiscences of Leicester," and published in the *Worcester Spy*, the following interesting sketch has been obtained. "Mr. Clapp was educated at Leicester Academy, and afterwards received his mercantile training as a clerk in the well known house of A. & A. Lawrence, in Boston, and established himself in that city as a commission merchant, where he had a thriving business until 1829, when he purchased of the Saxon and Leicester Factory their large woolen mills and privilege in the south part of this town, now known as the Rochdale Mills, for which he paid thirty thousand dollars. Here he put up a new mill, added largely to the capacity of the machinery, and commenced the manufacture of flannels and other woolen goods. He named the village Clappville, and took a deep interest in its prosperity. In 1831, he purchased the homestead-place of Dr. Austin Flint, on the east side of the common in the centre village of Leicester, including about twenty-nine acres of land. He removed

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therefrom all the buildings, and in the following year erected the splendid mansion house and other buildings now on the spot. No pains or expense were spared for this purpose, and the work was done under the supervision of one of the most thorough house builders which Boston afforded. Mr. Clapp was a man impulsive in his nature, of quick decision, great business capacity, untiring energy, and was bold and daring in his financial speculations. In the early stage of his manufacturing business he was successful, and acquired a pretty large property. He was generous and almost prodigal, not only in his personal expenses, but in his contributions to the public. He kept a professional hunter to supply his table at all times with the game of the field and forest, and a scientific and practical gardener who took charge of his extensive and beautiful grounds, which were laid out with the most artistic taste, and filled with the most rare and beautiful exotic and native plants, flowers and shrubbery to be found in this region. These grounds were ever open to visitors, and many a procession on gala days and public occasions marched through their walks to admire the skill and taste displayed in the arrangement of this beautiful floral carpet. He was liberal to the poor and generous to the public. He was one of the principal founders of the Unitarian society of the place, and contributed generously to the expense of building their church near his residence, in 1834, and in the support of the gospel for some years afterwards. Among his contributions to the town was a fine clock, which was placed in the belfry of the Orthodox church near by, and still remains there. He was a decided and active temperance man, and, in the early days of that reform, he paid for and caused to be distributed a weekly temperance journal to every family in town. In 1836 he purchased, at a considerable sacrifice, the only public house then in the village, and leased it to a tenant, to be opened as a temperance hotel, which was the first experiment of the kind in the place. Although Mr. Clapp was a man of good judgment, and shrewd in his calculations generally, his bold operations in the market were not always successful, and in consequence of his extensive purchase of wool and flannels about the time of the great revulsion in 1837–8 he met with losses so great as to overthrow him, and he was obliged to give up his manufacturing establishment, and sell the real estate, which had cost him so much time and money, and which he had hoped to keep for a home for himself and family. After leaving Leicester in 1839, he engaged in the auction and commission business in Boston, when he was suddenly cut off by sickness, and died Nov. 8, 1841. His elder brother John, in 1839, purchased the buildings and land, which Joshua had until that time occupied, with all the personal property attached to the farm. His tastes were in many respects unlike those of his brother. He was more practical in his farming operations, and while the valuable fruit trees on the place were cultivated and preserved, the ornamental shrubs and

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flowers were removed and gave place for more useful vegetables and productive shrubbery. After his death in 1852, his widow took up her residence in the house formerly owned by her father, opposite the place here described."

The widow of Joshua still survives, spending a portion of her time with her son in New Orleans.

Children of JOSHUA and LUCIA D. (Denny) CLAPP:

784. SARAH D.,[7] b. in Boston, 1828; m., in 1852, Richard Hubbard, b. in 1824, son of Gov. Henry Hubbard, of Charlestown, N. H., and d. in that town in 1872, leaving five children.
785. HELEN,[7] b. in Boston, 1831; after the death of her father, was for many years at the head of a prosperous school for young ladies in Boston; now residing in Charlestown, N. H.
786. CHANNING,[7] b. in Leicester, in 1836; m. Aug. 9, 1869, Susan P. Sohier, b. in 1840, dau. of Edward D. Sohier, of Boston. He is in business in New Orleans as a cotton broker.

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ELISHA[6] (*Jehiel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Jehiel and Mary (Sheldon) Clapp, of Southampton, was born in 1763. He moved to Norwich (now Huntington), Hampshire Co., Mass., where he died in February, 1825. In 1787, he married Hannah, daughter of Roger Miller; she died in Parma, N. Y., March 6, 1837.

Children of ELISHA and HANNAH (Miller) CLAPP:

787. JUSTUS SHELDON,[7] b. in 1789; drowned in the carrying away of a dam, Aug. 21, 1826. He m. Mercy Sampson, and had:
  788. *Lucy,*[8] who m., and in 1871 was living in Westfield, Mass.
  789. *Lucius,*[8] who m., but soon after d. of disease of the heart.
  790. *Alvina,*[8] m., and in 1871 was living in Haydenville.
  Mercy, widow of Justus S., m. a second husband.
791. ZEBADIAH,[7] b. Dec. 2, 1791; d. Aug. 12, 1862. He m. Oct. 3, 1821, Aurelia A. Hempstead, of Southampton, and had:
  792. *Charles Haven,*[8] b. Dec. 31, 1824; m. May, 1847, Emeline B. Sykes. Machinist in Chicopee, Mass.
  793. *Clara Jane,*[8] b. July 6, 1826; m. March 4, 1857, Frederic Bradley, of New Haven, Conn.
  794. *Roxelana,*[8] b. Feb. 24, 1828; m. Frederic Ladd, of Springfield, Mass.; d. March 17, 1854.
  795. *Aurelia,*[8] b. Dec. 22, 1830; d. April 25, 1846.
  796. *Justus Sheldon,*[8] b. Feb. 21, 1833; m. Charlotte L. Frise. A farmer, in Shelbyville, Ind.
  797. *Mary Ann,*[8] b. Oct. 28, 1836; d. March 9, 1838.
  798. *Kate,*[8] b. Feb. 28, 1839; a teacher in Westfield, Mass.
  799. *Lucy Elvira,*[8] b. July 22, 1841; m. July 4, 1863, Charles F. Bradley, of West Stockbridge, Mass.
  800. *Elisha Hempstead,*[8] b. Nov. 21, 1845; m. in June, 1869, and is a farmer in Shelbyville, Ind.

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801. Lucius,[7] b. in Feb. 1794; killed by the falling of a tree when he was 17 years old, in February, 1811.

802. Ralph,[7] b. Jan. 19, 1796; graduated at Amherst College in 1825; was several years a preacher in Congregational and Presbyterian churches; then united with the Methodists. An interesting correspondence was had with him in 1871; m. May 22, 1828, Mary Dexter, of Amherst, Mass., who was b. in Windsor, Conn., Oct. 17, 1800, and d. in Parma, N. Y., April 8, 1840, just one week after the birth of their second child. He m. second, Feb. 28, 1841, Sophia Marsh; lived in Phelps, N. Y. Children by first wife:

803. *Dexter Elisha*,[8] b. June 7, 1830; m. 1853, in Lima, N. Y., Susan Jane Thayer, and had one child, which d. an infant; the mother d. in 1855. Before the war of the Rebellion, he was a Methodist clergyman. After the war broke out, he was appointed Captain of a company comprising the flower of his town, and belonged to the 148th Regiment N. Y. Vols. He afterwards raised a colored Regiment in Norfolk, Va., and lost one third of his men in one battle. He was breveted Brigadier General.

804. *Alfred Ralph*,[8] b. April 1, 1840, in Parma, N. Y.; was a jeweller; helped raise Co. H. of the 126th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, in the war of the Rebellion; was Second Lieutenant, and was killed by a shell in the battle of Harper's Ferry, Sept. 15, 1862, being the first officer killed in the regiment. He left his home only four weeks before, saying, "I have given myself to God and my country, to live or die."

By second wife Sophia:

805. *Charles Lucius*,[8] b. Dec. 3, 1843; was a volunteer in Co. H., with his brother Alfred; subsequently a lieutenant in the 148th Regiment with Dexter E.

806. Mary,[7] b. Feb. 24, 1804; d. in Hillsdale, N. Y., in 1841.

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ELISHA BASCOM[6] (*Timothy*,[5] *Samuel*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Timothy and Rachel (Bascom) Clapp, was born Feb. 17, 1779. He married Sally Hale, a sister of Nathan Hale, formerly editor of the Boston Daily Advertiser. He lived in Westhampton, and died there Jan. 3, 1860. His house, being near the meeting-house, was the favorite resort during the noon intermission on Sundays, of many of the congregation who, coming from a distance, sought a place where the time could be pleasantly passed. [See No. 209, p. 50.]

Children of Elisha Bascom and Sally (Hale) Clapp:

807. Philetus,[7] b. Jan. 10, 1802; d. Oct. 22, 1804, death caused by falling into hot fat.

808. Clarissa,[7] b. July 12, 1803; d. Nov. 16, 1861; m. Almon B. Ludden, of Westhampton, a prominent citizen of that town.

+809. Otis,[7] b. March 3, 1806.

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810. ELISHA,[7] b. Feb. 15, 1808; lives in Lockport, N. Y.; m. Jan. 1, 1862, widow Margaret Hill. Has been sheriff of Niagara Co., N. Y., and a member of the New York Assembly. Was at the Clapp Gathering at Northampton, in 1870.

811. MELISSA,[7] b. Dec. 30, 1810; m. Sept. 13, 1831, Martin Smith, and lived in Springfield, Mass.

812. WASHINGTON,[7] b. Nov. 21, 1812. Was a printer, having served an apprenticeship in the Daily Advertiser office, in Boston, his uncle, Nathan Hale, being then proprietor of that paper. He was a man of integrity and efficient in the aid of all efforts for the public good; was editor and publisher of a paper in Natick, which he ably conducted, and he d. suddenly in that town, Aug. 5, 1868. He m. Mary D. Robbins. Children:

813. *Thomas H.*,[8] b. May 10, 1836; m. Jennie B. Blizard, and l. in St. John, N. B. Children: **i.** *Alice P.*,[9] b. Dec. 19, 1859. **ii.** *Washington Murray*,[9] b. April 1, 1861. **iii.** *David Miller*,[9] b. Aug. 1862. These were b. in St. John. **iv.** *William H.*,[9] b. in Massachusetts, Oct. 1, 1865.

814. *Mary O.*,[8] b. Sept. 22, 1837; m. Jan. 1857, William H. Hemenway, of Wrentham, a Captain in the war of the Rebellion, and wounded at Fredericksburg.

815. *Rebecca J.*,[8] b. July 27, 1839.

816. *Nathan Hale*,[8] b. April 22, 1841; d. Jan. 30, 1842.

817. *Nathan Hale*,[8] b. July 12, 1843; he entered the Union army in the war of the Rebellion, and d. in Louisiana, July, 1863.

818. *Lyman Beecher*,[8] b. Feb. 22, 1845; d. Sept. 6, 1846.

819. *George Lyman*,[8] b. March 30, 1848.

820. *Edward Hale*,[8] b. Jan. 21, 1850.

821. *Eliza Alice*,[8] b. Jan. 11, 1853.

822. SARAH,[7] b. March 6, 1815; m. Jan. 28, 1853, Hobart McCall, of Lebanon, Ct.

823. OCTAVIA THROOP,[7] b. Jan. 10, 1818; m. March 1, 1841, Joseph B. Boyden.

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JASON[6] (*Ebenezer*[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Ebenezer and Nancy (Tileston) Clapp, was born Nov. 5, 1782, and died Oct. 1868. He was an extensive carriage builder in Pittsfield, and a large stage owner and mail contractor; also twice a Representative to the General Court from that town. He married first, Patience Stockbridge; second, widow Cecilia Luce, maiden name Eldredge. From a sketch of his life, published in the Coachmaker's Magazine for September, 1858, ten years before his death, a few detached extracts are taken:

"His boyhood was spent in Northampton. He attended a common school a portion of the time, until the age of seventeen, when he was apprenticed to the carriage-making business, in the shop of James Dunham. He received as his wages only *eight dollars a year*, in addition to his board, and on the conclusion of his apprenticeship, was in debt to a relative $60, for necessary clothing, which he soon

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paid. At the age of twenty-one years, he was induced, by the late Lemuel Pomeroy, Esq., of Pittsfield, to become the foreman of his carriage manufactory, and continued in that capacity for six years. On the conclusion of his apprenticeship, it was his intention to establish a carriage factory at Utica, New York, but the inducements offered by Mr. Pomeroy changed his determination. He commenced business for himself, in Pittsfield, in the year 1810. The description of carriages first made were the Boston chaises. Phætons and ribbed wagons were afterwards much used, and made by Mr. Clapp. Light carriages, buggies, and the most costly coaches were also made at his factory. Some, in the highest style of the art, were sold in the New York and Boston markets as high as $1,500 each. The carriage presented to President Pierce, by some of his friends in Boston, was made by Messrs. Jason Clapp and Son (the latter being connected with him in business), and has been pronounced by good judges to have been equal, if not superior, in fine workmanship, to any carriage ever made in America. Medals for the best coaches have been awarded him by the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association. Mr. Clapp in 1856 had had about 300 apprentices, most of whom turned out well. The number of men usually employed has varied from 40 to 50. It was a remark of Mr. Eaton, the head of the eminent firm of Eaton & Gilbert, Coach and Car Builders of Troy, N. Y., that 'the oldest man has never known a wheel made by Jason Clapp to wear out!' His energy and devotion to business are well shown in an anecdote often repeated in the village where he resided. He was once taken ill, and his physician, the late Dr. Oren Wright, was sent for by his wife. He came, and left a prescription, and directed that the patient *should remain in the house and be quiet.* On calling the next day to see his patient, he found him in his yard, giving directions to his men; and, on approaching, Mr. Clapp remarked, 'Doctor, I am busy now; can't attend to you; you must call another time.'"

At his funeral, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Todd, of Pittsfield, from which is copied the following brief notice of his life and character:

"Jason Clapp was an old man—very few of us can expect to be as old, and yet nobody was ready to have him taken away. He had lived here so long that he seemed to be a permanent part of the town. Few men have died leaving in the memory of their survivors so little to mourn over, so little to be covered up, so little to mar the beautiful symmetry of his character. ..... At the great age of nearly eighty-six he has completed his course on earth, and has gone to the dead, regretted and mourned, honored and loved by all that knew him. I have seldom known the man whom, with more confidence, I could hold up as a model for our young men to study and copy. He began business on a small scale—never asking a man or a bank to lend him a dollar, never asked a note discounted, never

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asked any one to endorse for him. I doubt whether he was ever sued at law. Slowly, steadily and surely he advanced, till he stood at the very head of his business—the man whose word was a warrantee, whose workmanship was as perfect as care and labor could make it —and whose productions were considered an honor to possess. Everybody knew that he was incapable of doing a mean action, or putting off anything that was not worthy. There was a patient, quiet, careful industry about him that noiselessly brought out great results. And his natural judgment was so good that whether he took up farming or mechanism, he was alike successful. So true was this judgment that he became one of the most self-reliant men I ever knew. While many sought his advice and judgment, I do not recollect that I ever heard of his needing to seek the advice of others. And yet, notwithstanding this strong, sound judgment, he was one of the most modest men I ever knew. As a man of gentle, kind feelings, very few men equalled Mr. Clapp. As evidence and illustration of this, the men in his employment felt the highest confidence, respect and love for him. Where else could you find so many men in the employment of one man, who have been in his service—none less than ten years, and some for half a century? It was a melancholy, but a beautiful sight, when these men gathered around his coffin, and were the gentle pall-bearers—as if lifting the remains of a father! ..... What I would next add is that our friend was a modest, unobtrusive, but sincere Christian."

Children of JASON and wife:

824. MARIA.[7]
825. EDWIN,[7] lived in Pittsfield; m. first, Emily Peck, of Pittsfield; second, Mary Martin, also of Pittsfield.
826. LYMAN,[7] m. Helen Briggs, and had two daughters, who lived in Pittsfield.

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EBENEZER[6] (*Ebenezer,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), second son of Ebenezer and Nancy (Tileston) Clapp, was born March 23, 1786; a farmer in Chesterfield, but learned the printing business, and for many years printed the *Hampshire Gazette.* He married, June 1, 1807, Lucy Lee, who was born June 10, 1787.

Children of EBENEZER and LUCY (Lee) CLAPP:

827. SUSAN TILESTONE,[7] b. March 22, 1808; m. Nov. 27, 1832, William C. Rice, a merchant of New York.
828. JANE ANN,[7] b. Sept. 21, 1809; m. July 2, 1834, Isaac Goodspeed, and d. Oct. 22, 1834, three months after marriage.
829. WILLIAM MORTIMER,[7] b. May 22, 1811; d. Jan. 15, 1838, unm.
830. ADELINE,[7] b. April 19, 1813; m. Oct. 6, 1836, David C. Smith; she d. in the State of Illinois about 1867, and her husband d. about 1868.

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831. ALFRED,[7] b. March 6, 1815; m. Nov. 6, 1836, Ann L. Wendell, of Albany.

832. LUCY MARI,[7] b. Jan. 15, 1817; m. Jan. 15, 1839, Sylvanus Clapp, M.D. (No. 847), of Pawtucket, R. I., a prominent physician of that place, and the presiding officer at the second Clapp Family Meeting, at Nantasket, in 1873.

833. EBENEZER LEE,[7] b. April 1, 1819; m. June, 1844, Catharine Bull, of Hartford, Conn.; live in Lee Centre, Lee Co., Illinois.

834. HENRY,[7] b. Jan. 5, 1823; m. April 23, 1844, Ann Ely, who d. some years since; they lived in Lee Centre, Ill., and had children:

835. *Mary L.*,[8] b. March 11, 1845; m. April 27, 1864, Egbert D. Shaw, who was the first child b. in Bradford, Lee County, Ill. Mary L. came from her home to attend the second Clapp Gathering in 1873, but was prevented by ill health from being present.

836. *Howard L.*,[8] b. May 3, 1846; d. April 18, 1864.

837. *Ely Alfred*,[8] b. Aug. 20, 1851; d. April 3, 1855.

838. *Era K.*,[8] b. Aug. 10, 1854.

839. *Fletcher D.*,[8] b. October 23, 1858.

840. HARRIET,[7] twin sister of Henry,[7] b. Jan. 5, 1823; m. July 10, 1844, David Rice, M.D., of Leverett, Mass.

841. FAYETTE,[7] b. in Chesterfield, June 5, 1824; m. Catharine Lynch, of Columbia, Mo.; d. Sept., 1864, of chronic diarrhœa, contracted in Gen. Bank's Red River Expedition in the War of the Rebellion. When 14 years of age, he left his home for Albany, N. Y. After a clerkship of about three years, he went to Hartford, Conn., and engaged in business. While there, he resolved to devote himself to the ministry, and entered Williston Seminary, Easthampton, in 1843, and prepared for College. He graduated at Brown University in 1848. His plan for studying theology was now changed, and he decided to enter the medical profession, and attended lectures at Harvard medical school, at the same time pursuing his medical studies with his brother-in-law, Dr. S. Clapp, of Pawtucket, R. I. Before the time for graduation, he was induced to attach himself to a company of adventurers to the then newly discovered mines in California, where his medical and surgical knowledge being in demand, he engaged in active practice in this line, and soon rose to the foremost rank in his profession. Some time was also spent in the Sandwich Islands, where he was specially employed by the king in the treatment of cases of smallpox and in vaccination. In 1854 he returned with impaired health to his native State, became a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and was honored with a degree from one of the Medical Colleges in Philadelphia. He afterwards removed to Dixon, Ill., and from thence to Columbia, Boon Co., Missouri, where he married an estimable Southern lady, was rising rapidly in his profession, and where the rebellion of 1861 found him. A severe trial now awaited him. The majority of his friends in his new home were secessionists, and they urged him by every inducement to espouse the Southern cause. But no persuasion or reasoning could influence him in deviating from what he considered the

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path of duty, and he remained a staunch and consistent unionist, which drew upon him and his family much bitter opposition and proscription. His services in the Union cause were soon demanded. In Nov., 1861, he entered as surgeon on Gen. Fremont's Staff. He was afterwards detached as Surgeon of the 5th Ohio Battery, and in December was ordered to Jefferson City to establish hospitals and look after the comfort of the soldiers. In the summer of 1862, he was in charge of the Fourth Street Hospital in St. Louis, in care of our soldiers and of the wounded prisoners from Fort Donaldson and Shiloh. Worn out by hard work in these hospitals, he resigned his commission in October, 1862. In the same month, however, the Sanitary Commission at St. Louis was appealed to for a surgeon to the fleet, not only qualified to act in his professional capacity, but also possessed of such qualities of heart as to secure the kind treatment of the seamen under his care. Dr. Clapp was summoned by this call from his short retirement, and did not feel at liberty to decline. In December, 1862, he was accordingly appointed Surgeon of the U. S. Steamer Marmora, and accompanied the Yazoo Pass Expedition. He was afterwards transferred to the Benton, then again to the Marmora, and was on the latter (or the Louisville) when a portion of our fleet ran the blockade at Vicksburg. He continued to act as surgeon on board the vessels of the fleet until June, 1864, when he was compelled, by disease contracted while on the Red River, where his labors had been unusually severe, to return to his home. In the words of the Memorial of "Brown University in the Civil War," from which many of these facts have been gleaned, "By the wayside and in hospitals, on the field and on the vessel's deck, he had given succor to many sick and wounded soldiers and sailors; but so long had he lingered at his post, that his strength was now well-nigh exhausted." The country around his Missouri home was at that time infested with guerilla bands, and Dr. Clapp's friends deemed it unsafe for him to remain there, and an asylum was sought for him among his brothers and sisters then residing in Lee Centre, Lee County, Ill. Here, "under the watchful care of his faithful wife and of the loved ones of his own family, he lingered till September, 1864, when he peacefully breathed his last, happy in the assurance of a rest from all his toils, in a land where there is no war, no loss of friends, and no more death. He was buried in a cemetery near Lee Centre, where, in memory of his virtues and faithful services, his comrades of the U. S. Steamer Louisville have erected a marble monument. 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'"

Dr. Clapp is represented as a man of fine personal appearance, of more than ordinary talents, and with a heart out of which flowed the noblest impulses. His virtues "strengthened with advancing years, and gained for him valuable friends in every field of labor in which his lot was cast." Three children were born to him in Missouri, all of whom d. in infancy or early childhood.

842. RUGGLES WOODBRIDGE,[7] b. Dec. 1, 1826; m. Jan. 12, 1848, Emily Bryant, of Chesterfield, Mass., who has since died.

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843. JAMES,[7] b. March 19, 1828; d. same day.

844. EDWIN,[7] b. Nov. 17, 1829; m. Oct. 22, 1855, Isabella Rowland, of Rowlandsville, Cecil Co., Md. He graduated at Amherst College in 1849; taught school for fifteen years; had charge of the West Nottingham Academy in Cecil Co., Maryland, for three years, and was Principal of Milton Academy, Milton, Mass., for twelve years; then moved to Pawtucket, R. I., read law, and was admitted to the bar. Was soon after appointed to the bench of the Court of Magistrates, a court taking cognizance of minor civil and criminal cases, which position he occupied until by a recent partition of the town of North Providence the greater part of his jurisdiction was set off to Providence and the rest to the town of Pawtucket. Since that time, he has devoted himself to literary pursuits generally. He has rendered valuable assistance in furnishing information for this "Memorial." Children:

845. *Mary Rowland*,[8] b. Feb. 13, 1857; d. March 29, 1858.

846. *Margaret Rowland*,[8] b. Nov. 19, 1859.

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BELA P.[6] (*Sylvanus*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Sylvanus and Charity (Pierce) Clapp, was born November 6, 1792; died in Williamsburg, September 4, 1856. He was educated at Westfield Academy; was a merchant in Westhampton for a few years in early life, then gave up mercantile business and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was chosen one of the Selectmen of the town several years, and Representative to the Legislature for five or six successive years, one year the vote being unanimous. In the year 1834, he removed to Chesterfield, and again devoted his attention to mercantile business. He was again chosen Representative to the Legislature. After a few years' residence here, he purchased a farm in Williamsburg, when he again turned his attention to agriculture. Here he was chosen to represent the town in the Massachusetts Legislature, but declined to serve. He was often chosen to settle estates and perform the various duties of Justice of the Peace. He occupied various other positions of honor, trust and responsibility in the different towns in which he lived. He married, March 2, 1815, Cynthia Carr, of Stonington, Ct.

Children of BELA P. and CYNTHIA (Carr) CLAPP:

+847. SYLVANUS,[7] b. Nov. 22, 1815.

848. MARY P.,[7] b. Jan. 15, 1817; m. Elnathan Graves, of Williamsburg, Mass.

849. FRANCIS,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1818; d. Dec. 3, 1837.

850. FRANKLIN,[7] b. Oct. 17, 1820; m. first, Sept. 9, 1851, Susan W. Fuller; m. second, May 14, 1862, Harriet P. Hillman. He is a farmer, and lives in Williamsburg.

851. LAURA ANN,[7] b. Oct. 15, 1821; d. unm. Aug. 29, 1844.

852. WILLARD S.,[7] b. July 18, 1824; m. Feb. 3, 1852, Sarah Pratt. He is a merchant in Williamsburg.

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853. LYMAN,[7] b. July 18, 1827; m. Feb. 10, 1858, Abigail A. Billings. Is a manufacturer in Providence, R. I.

854. BELA P.,[7] b. May 24, 1830; m. first, Sept. 29, 1856, Eliza M. Hopkins; second, June 10, 1863, Sarah Anne Hopkins. He is a manufacturing chemist in Pawtucket, R. I.

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RALPH[6] (*Sylvanus,*[5] *Ebenezer,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in Westhampton, Aug. 11, 1795, and died March 6, 1850. He married, Nov. 11, 1815, Fanny Bartlett, who was born June 6, 1795, and died July 14, 1874, aged 79.

Children of RALPH and FANNY (Bartlett) CLAPP:

855. DEXTER,[7] b. in Westhampton, July 15, 1816; m. Sept. 1, 1840, Susan F., dau. of Warren Preston, Esq., of Bangor, Me. A Unitarian minister of high standing, and very much beloved by all who knew him. He graduated at Amherst College in 1839, and after fitting himself for the ministry at the Cambridge Divinity School, and preaching for a time at Deerfield, Mass., he accepted a call from a religious society in Savannah, Ga., over which he was ordained in November, 1843. His health failing, he returned to the North, and in December, 1846, was installed over the church in West Roxbury, Mass., from which Rev. Theodore Parker had lately removed to Boston. In 1851, he accepted a call from the East Church in Salem to become the colleague of the Rev. Dr. Flint, and was installed as such Dec. 17, of that year. He remained at this post for ten years, when failing health made it necessary to sever a relation in which he had become endeared to his people by ties the most intimate and sacred. After that time he struggled on, with the burden of his consumptive complaints pressing more and more heavily upon him, but all borne with Christian fortitude and resignation, till July 27, 1868, when he passed away. His funeral on the 29th was, in compliance with his request, informal and private; but on the first Sunday of September a Memorial Service was held at the East Church, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Ellis, of Boston, which was afterwards printed, and from which the following extracts are taken:

"He was a born minister. He did not choose the profession, the profession chose him. He was foreordained to it. He could not have been anything else. Even as nature secretes the life-juices of plant and animal, so there comes, not as often as we could wish, and yet not seldom, this blessed aptitude for sacred meditation, discourse, appeal, and the ministry goes before and also outlives all schools of the prophets so called."

"The story of our friend's life is easily told. It was not eventful; it differed from the common lot chiefly in the fact that he might almost be said to have been either always falling into or always recovering from sicknesses. It was the life of an obedient child in the household, of a diligent student, a devoted pastor, an affectionate husband, a faithful friend, rich rather in human experience than in those incidents which outwardly signal an earthly course."

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"His power as a preacher lay not so much in what he thought and said as in what he was; the argument, the exposition, the illustration, were of small significance compared with the faith, hope and love which through them pressed for utterance and arrested and fixed attention. He confidently made his appeal to what was deepest and most universal. He was sure that what was bread to him must be bread to others. He did not come down to the world's plane, and strive to amuse those who were gathered, or ought to have been gathered, for the most serious business of their lives; he did not lose sight of the substantial gospel lesson in the accidental illustration, but still came back to the reality and the root of the matter, even at the hazard of seeming to say all the time but one thing, as when the Apostle John still exhorted his disciples to love one another. And so, where large and various learning and ingenious reasoning and skilful analysis and a brilliant rhetoric would have failed, he was successful; not indeed in gathering a crowd of curious hearers, eager to experience some new and nominally religious sensation, but in reaching those whose hearts were open to Christian instruction, and in impressing even upon worldly persons the realities of the divine kingdom."

"Our friend was by nature and by training a scholar, with no small skill and no little discernment in those things which the scholar prizes; no writer of verses, but a dear lover of poetry; no metaphysician, but with a strong love of metaphysics; no politician, but a close observer of public affairs; and so, spite of his many infirmities, his sermons were of no mean quality, even when tried by the scholar's standards."

"He was singularly blessed in the capacity of loving and expressing love. His sympathies were very deep and tender, and the channels from the heart were all unobstructed; there was a beating pulse in his very fingers' ends that never suffered the invalid's hand to become cold; his greeting was his own; it expressed a kind of glad surprise, as if his delight in companionship were a fresh amazement to him. He had that fine tact which in the presence of great sorrow knows how often silence is better than speech, a speechless confession of the mystery than any ingenious discourse about it. He might well, like one of old, have been surnamed Barnabas, the son of consolation, and when he could no longer go about to comfort the bereaved, he loved to send a word, written often in great outward weakness,—a word which was always a blessing. He was by nature a man of singular refinement, incapable of any coarseness, sweet and gentle, and clean from the very core of his being,—one of the few men in whose presence foul lips would instinctively become silent, as rough people pause when a woman comes within hearing. A childless man, his heart went out towards the young, and they brought their thoughts and works to him, in sure reliance upon his eager interest and efficient service. I do not think that he was a stranger anywhere. If sickness came upon him away from his home, and that was pretty sure to happen, there were always those who found delight in ministering, and would inquire about him ever after, as they who unawares had inherited

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a great blessing. Where he failed of completeness, he seemed to be misled by his desire to be at one with those about him. This was his weaker side, for, like all of us, he had a weaker side, that he sometimes sought for agreements where he should have been content with antagonisms."

"A sick man a large part of his days, he had an appreciation of life such as you will not often find even in the strongest and healthiest. Somewhere within him there was a fountain of sunlight and sun warmth and perennial health, and its streams would not be hindered in their flow. You went to see him in sickness, and, sick as he was, he was in better health than you were, and unspeakably more cheery. I think that the life in him kept him in this world, if such a thing be possible, beyond his time. For that spirit almost any organism sufficed; but it could not, happily for him, suffice always."

856. ESTHER,[7] b. Jan. 6, 1820; d. unm., July 30, 1857.

857. CHARLES C.,[7] b. June 27, 1828; m. June 12, 1862, Sarah M. Bryant; live in Northampton. Children:

858. *Charles Ralph*,[8] b. Oct. 6, 1863.

859. *Frederick Dexter*,[8] b. April 13, 1867.

860. *Ellery Channing*,[8] b. Oct. 2, 1871.

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MEDAD[6] (*Jonathan*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Jonathan and Margaret (Roquel) Clapp, of Easthampton, was born July 15, 1786, and died July 29, 1853. He lived upon his father's place in Easthampton, and married, May 27, 1819, Betsey Stebbins.

Children of MEDAD and BETSEY (Stebbins) CLAPP:

861. JONATHAN LAURENS,[7] b. Feb. 23, 1820; d. Sept. 24, 1829.

862. LAFAYETTE,[7] b. Aug. 5, 1824; m. Sept. 24, 1851, Sarah R. Chamberlain. He is actively engaged in business at Easthampton; has been Selectman for several years, and also one of the School Committee of the town; in 1860, was Representative to the General Court; during most of the war of the Rebellion, was in the Union service in various capacities; for many years, has been connected with the Internal Revenue as Assistant Assessor, &c. He was prominent and efficient in the getting up of the Family Gathering of the Clapps in Northampton in 1870, and attended and took part in the second meeting, in 1873. Children:

863. *Lafayette*,[8] b. Jan. 23, 1853.

864. *Norris Stebbins*,[8] b. July 14, 1855.

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THADDEUS[6] (*Joseph*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Joseph and Hannah (Lyman) Clapp, was born March 31, 1770. In 1808, he was chosen Deacon of the church, in Easthampton, and was continued in that office thirty-three years. He kept

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the tavern which was first opened by his grandfather, Major Jonathan, and kept successively by his uncle Jonathan, his father Joseph and brother Luther, extending over a period of nearly or quite a hundred years, being the only public house in Easthampton, and patronized by most of the travel from Hartford and N. Haven to the north. He, also, in connection with his father, carried on a fulling mill. Was the first Justice of the Peace in the town, its Treasurer for twenty years, and also Selectman; was Representative to the General Court twelve years, and Delegate to the Constitutional Convention of the State. In 1812, he was appointed by the town a Delegate to the County Convention, held at Northampton, for the purpose of "considering the duty of the government upon the war question;" was also Postmaster of the town. He was a very worthy man, and all his public duties were efficiently and acceptably performed. He married Achsah Parsons.

Children of THADDEUS and ACHSAH (Parsons) CLAPP:

865. PHYLENA,[7] m. Spencer Clark.
866. THADDEUS,[7] b. March 29, 1792. A woollen manufacturer in Pittsfield, Mass.
+867. THEODORE,[7] twin brother of Thaddeus, b. March 29, 1792; d. April 17, 1866.
868. MARY,[7] m. Justus Merrill, a farmer, of Pittsfield.
+869. LUTHER,[7] b. Jan. 3, 1805.
870. ELVIRA,[7] m. Ansel Bartlett, of Brecksville, Ohio.
871. THORNTON W.,[7] graduated at Williams College in 1830; Prof. of Mathematics in Washington Coll., Miss.; studied for the ministry, and was ordained in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

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LEVI[6] (*Charles,*[5] *Simeon,*[4] *Roger,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Charles and Abigail (Clark) Clapp, was born Feb. 11, 1794. He was a merchant in Worcester, Mass. He married, first, Nov. 16, 1815, Sarah Huntington, who was born Nov. 4, 1793, and died Feb. 6, 1821; second, Oct. 15, 1821, Laura Drury, who was born May 10, 1798, and died Aug. 20, 1847; third, Feb. 22, 1848, Caroline C. Kent, who was born March 19, 1812. He died Dec. 7, 1854.

Children of LEVI and 1st wife SARAH (Huntington) CLAPP:

872. LEWIS HUNTINGTON,[7] b. Nov. 6, 1816; m. July 1, 1840, Mary E. Granger. Served as a soldier during the war with Mexico, and was under Gen. Scott from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico; was also in many battles during the war of the Rebellion. Child:
873. *Sarah H.*,[8] b. April 29, 1841; m. Henry Payson, and lived in Haydenville, Mass.
+874. ALEXANDER HUNTINGTON,[7] b. Sept. 1, 1818.
875. WILLIAM TAYLOR,[7] b. Jan. 17, 1821; m. May 19, 1846, Ophelia E. Billings. They live in California. Children:

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876. *Frederick Arthur*,[8] b. April 27, 1850.
877. *Jennie Huntington*,[8] b. Nov. 4, 1856.
878. *William Billings*,[8] b. April 11, 1861.

Children of LEVI and 2d wife LAURA (Drury) CLAPP:

879. JOHN DRURY,[7] b. Sept. 14, 1822; a farmer in Deerfield.
880. SARAH HUNTINGTON,[7] b. April 12, 1824; m. Nov. 27, 1851, Henry J. Holmes, and had two sons; d. May 29, 1869.
881. JANE,[7] b. Feb. 10, 1826; d. Sept. 24, 1836.
882. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS,[7] b. June 21, 1828; m. Aug. 23, 1849, Elizabeth A. Moody; is doing a large business in Worcester. Children:
   883. *Ada Elizabeth*,[8] b. July 16, 1850.
   884. *Alexander Huntington*,[8] b. Aug. 24, 1857.
885. JULIA MARIA,[7] b. June 28, 1833; m. Feb. 1, 1853, Jonah H. Bigelow.
886. EMILY JANE,[7] b. Feb. 26, 1837; m. Aug. 14, 1862, Rev. William A. Bushée, and had four children.

Children of LEVI and 3d wife CAROLINE C. (Kent) CLAPP:

887. GEORGE KENT,[7] b. June 15, 1850; d. Nov. 26, 1853.
888. EDWARD BEMIS,[7] twin brother of George K., is with his brother Frederick A., in Worcester.

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JAMES[6] (*Thomas*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Thomas*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Thomas and Huldah (Bull) Clapp, was born Dec. 20, 1785; died Jan. 8, 1854, aged 68 years. He married Julia Butler, and resided in Oxford, N. Y. He was a lawyer of uncommon ability; and the proceedings of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, on the news of his death, show that he was held in great respect by the members of the bar and the Judges of the Court, as he was also by his fellow-citizens. At his funeral, Gov. Dickinson, Gov. Tracy, Judge Gray, Judge Mason, and Messrs. Vanderlyn, Cook, Clark and Mygatt officiated as pall-bearers. The members of the bar attended in a body from the Supreme Court, then in session near by, and every mark of respect was shown in his honor. The following are the resolutions passed at an adjourned meeting of the members of the Court, Jan. 11, 1854:

"*Resolved*, That the members of the bar, attending this term of the Supreme Court, have heard with deep sorrow of the sad dispensation of Providence, which has deprived the profession of one of its most honored ornaments, in the recent death of James Clapp. As a lawyer, he was distinguished for learning, eloquence and spotless integrity; as a member of society, respected for his high social merits, his pure morals, his clear sense of justice and eminent example before his fellow-men; and in all the more delicate and interesting relations of life, beloved and revered for his domestic virtues and affections; that his brethren will long and faithfully cherish his memory, and commend his long and useful professional career as eminently worthy of imitation.

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"*Resolved*, That we tender to the members of the family and relatives of the deceased the assurance of our sympathy and condolence in their painful and afflicting bereavement, and that a copy of these proceedings be transmitted to them accordingly."

In his speech at this meeting, Abial Cook, Esq., said: "Mr. Clapp was a model lawyer, always respected and admired; he was an ornament to his profession, and his example should be held up to young men as worthy of imitation."

Children of JAMES and JULIA (Butler) CLAPP:

889. BENJAMIN C.,[7] b. about 1822; a lawyer, and a man of much talent. He had his name altered to Butler, after his mother's father.

890. JAMES.[7] 891. MARY.[7]

892. JULIA B.,[7] m. Walter L. Newbury, of Chicago, a man of great wealth, and who d. on his passage to Europe in 1868.

893. NICHOLAS B.,[7] b. about 1830; lived in Chicago; m. Mary McMahon, and had a dau. *Minnie*.[8]

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JOHN[6] (*Thomas*,[5] *Thomas*,[4] *Thomas*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Thomas and Huldah (Bull) Clapp, was born August 22, 1801; married Lydia Strong, June 23, 1829, and lives in Binghamton, N. Y. He is a lawyer of high standing, and a most estimable and accomplished gentleman. His speech at the Clapp Meeting at Northampton, in 1870, printed in the Proceedings of that meeting, exhibits the sprightly flow of his wit and humor. He is a very dear friend of the compiler of this "Memorial," who first became acquainted with him in this manner: In a list of U. S. Postmasters, I found the name of John Clapp, of Norwich, Oxford Co., N. Y. I immediately wrote to him, and found in his reply that he was deeply interested in the subject of his progenitors. Before long, he came to Dorchester, introduced himself and wife, and almost the next words he said were, "I came here to find out who I am." His many excellent qualities were soon made manifest, and revealed why his home, as I afterwards found to be the case, was such a resort for the intellectual and refined of his numerous friends and acquaintance. During a correspondence with him for about thirty years, his letters have never lost their interest, and all have been fit for publication as they left his hand. After frequent visits between us, and hours of conversation on many and various subjects, the enjoyment of our friendly intercourse continues unabated. The following brief abstract of his life and character was, at my request, written by the Hon. S. S. Randall, LL.D., an eminent lawyer formerly living in the same county with Mr. Clapp, who studied law with him, and was subsequently distinguished as Superintendent of the Schools of New York State 15 years, and of the city of New York about 17 years. Mr. Randall writes:—

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"The life of John Clapp, extending, as it does, over a period of more than than three-score years and ten, although strikingly devoid of strongly marked incidents, is, nevertheless, one of no ordinary interest from its harmonious development and exhibition of character and culture. Left, by the death of both his parents, at a period of life so early as to leave no glimmering recollection of either; transferred to the guardianship of his elder brother James, and accompanying him and his law partner, William M. Price, at an early period of the century, to the primitive little settlement of Oxford, on the Chenango river, and in the newly organized county of that name, where, under their auspices, and especially those of his brother, he completed a course of elementary, higher and professional instruction; passing his novitiate experience as a lawyer in one of the rudest frontier settlements of the county; emerging, speedily, from this rough but, doubtless, healthful and invigorating process of practical communion with the rudiments of civilization into a prosperous and successful partnership with one of the leading and most influential advocates and counsellors of the county at Norwich, the county-seat; succeeding, after a brief interval, to the business of the firm; fulfilling for more than ten years, gracefully and acceptably, the irksome and responsible duties of public prosecutor in criminal cases; forming, during this period, a most fortunate and happy matrimonial connection with an amiable and gifted lady—Lydia, daughter of Cyrus Strong, Esq.; defeated in a vigorous and animated political contest with a formidable and practised opponent for the representation of the district in the lower house of Congress; transferred to a permanent home on the banks of the Susquehannah, where he again set up his household gods—destined all too soon to be mournfully shattered, by the removal from its earthly tabernacle of a dearly loved daughter—Rosalind, of rare beauty and accomplishments, the delight of his eyes and the treasure of his heart; these comprise, in substance, the outward and prominent features of this long life. Let us briefly analyze its interior results; by far the most important.

"In all these various relations of a long life—as a man, a brother, a husband and father, an honored member of a noble profession, an ever welcome accession to the social circle, and an active citizen of a large and flourishing community—Mr. Clapp was uniformly truthful, sincere, single-hearted and upright. In his intercourse with the world around him—in all his business transactions, his social and domestic enjoyments, his literary culture and tastes, his fixed principles of moral obligations and ethical requirements, his fine appreciation of the beauty and grandeur of nature, and his utter abnegation of self where the rights and claims, the distresses and calamities of others were concerned—he seems to have borne himself bravely, honestly and victoriously in the great battle of life. Well versed in all the elements, principles and practice of his profession, he attained a high standing among his legal associates; and was distinguished

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for fidelity, promptness, and scrupulous integrity in the management of the important pecuniary interests from time to time committed by his clients to his care. As a scholar, his mind was a treasure-house of the beautiful thoughts and conceptions of genius. He was passionately fond of books, and familiar with Shakspeare, Milton, Burns, Byron, and their great contemporaries and successors, and with the various works of the ancient and modern historians.

"His success in life was, unquestionably, chiefly due to his energy, perseverance, and strict adherence to the great fundamental principles of honesty, uprightness, and unswerving integrity. Substantially aloof from the distraction and turbulence of the world, its political commotions and personal animosities, his happiest years have been spent in the domestic and social circles, in the reciprocation of kind and loving acts, in the cultivation of all the faculties of his mind and heart, and in the conscientious discharge of duty to God and man."

Mr. and Mrs. Clapp are in the enjoyment of a moderate degree of good health, in part preserved to them by occasional pleasant, and sometimes distant, excursions abroad.

Children of JOHN and LYDIA (Strong) CLAPP:

894. CYRUS STRONG,[7] b. April 17, 1830; m. Oct. 1862, Harriet Evans, of New Jersey. Children:
895. *Ernestine*,[8] b. July 12, 1863.
896. *John*,[8] b. Oct. 24, 1865.
897. ROSALIND,[7] b. Feb. 24, 1834; d. Jan. 15, 1852.

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DERASTUS[7] (*Roswell*,[6] *Preserved*,[5] *Preserved*,[4] *Preserved*,[3] *Preserved*[2], *Roger*[1]), second son of Roswell and Rachel (Stevens) Clapp, was born May 1, 1792, at Claremont, N. H. For many years a prominent constable and detective in the town and city of Boston. He was appointed to the office of constable by the elder Mayor Quincy in 1828, and was re-appointed every succeeding year to 1874. In 1832 and four years after he was captain of a ward militia company in Boston; was member of the "Soul of the Soldiery" several years, also of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company five or six years, of the Handel and Haydn Musical Society thirty-two years, and of the Bunker Hill Monument Association from its organization. He was married, Feb. 15, 1818, to Susannah Bowditch, of Braintree, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Bowditch, and born April 15, 1795. After Mr. Clapp had become advanced in years, his official duties consisted in serving orders of notice issued by the City Clerk, and afterwards those issued by the Superintendent of Streets and the Street Commissioners, in certain portions of the city. Much travel was required in this work. In January, 1874, a sprain of the cords of the right leg very much disabled him, but he contin-

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ued his duties till September, when he was obliged to employ an assistant, and October 1, 1874, "being completely broken down," as he says, and after constable and police services for forty-six years, he retired from official duties. Many now living can remember the confidence which was formerly reposed in him as a successful detecter of crime, and the dread which was associated with the name of "Constable Clapp" among those who had reason to fear an arrest. He himself gives some interesting reminiscences of his official duties in the Boston Traveller of Oct. 26, 1874. He says that 136 prisoners arrested by him were sent to the State Prison, and several hundred to the House of Correction, and that many thousand dollars worth of stolen property have been recovered by him and restored to its owners. For twenty years, he was the only acting detective in the city. Many petty annoyances were experienced by him, arising from the ignorance of applicants for his assistance. He relates the following: "Once a stranger called at my office, and said he had had his gold watch stolen from him, and wished to recover the same that day. I inquired if he had suspicion of any one, and he said he had none. All he knew was that his watch was stolen, and he seemed to think that was all the information that I needed." He speaks of his labors, in 1846 and afterwards, as a truant officer, and of his success with one assistant, in carrying into the public schools large numbers of truants from every part of the city. He discards the idea that his constant familiarity with criminals has had any tendency to harden his feelings. On the contrary, he thinks that the anxiety and sufferings of the friends and relatives of the accused and their intercessions with him in their behalf have had the opposite effect. He does think, however, that the firm and long continued grips required for so many years, in catching and holding criminals under arrest, have injuriously affected the joints of his right hand, which even now are tender and sensitive under the gentler and kindly greetings of old friends and acquaintances. Mr. Clapp believes in the doctrine of treating criminals with kindness, and thinks that this course tends often to the benefit of the public in the additional information by this means obtained in regard to the recovery of stolen goods and the arrest of other offenders. For a great many years, Mr. Clapp's office was at No. 3 Franklin Avenue, Boston, but during the last few years of his official duties a comfortable office in the basement of the City Hall was appropriated for his use. Mr. Clapp was present at the Family Gathering in Northampton in 1870, and, though 78 years old, was stronger than many present much younger in years. He and his wife are living in Hudson st., Boston.

Children of DERASTUS and SUSANNAH (Bowditch) CLAPP:

898. SUSAN OLIVIA,[8] b. Jan. 5, 1819; m. Dr. James Holmes, of Darien, Geo., and had four children.

899. ROGER D.,[8] b. May 6, 1822; d. in New York, of cholera, July 4, 1849; wife Julia, and had:

900. *Milton Bowditch.*[9]

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901. GEORGE WASHINGTON,[8] b. March 19, 1823; m. Jan. 1, 1846, Ann H. Norris. Children:
902. *George W.*[9] 903. *Ella Olivia.*[9] 904. *Roger D.*[9]
905. CHARLES LYMAN,[8] b. Oct. 23, 1824; purser's clerk in U. S. Navy. Killed at Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 22, 1854.
906. NATHANIEL BOWDITCH,[8] b. July 15, 1832.
907. MARTHA ELIZABETH,[8] b. Dec. 28, 1834.

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OTIS[7] (*Elisha Bascom,*[6] *Timothy,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Elisha Bascom and Sally (Hale) Clapp, was born March 3, 1806; a bookseller and publisher in Boston; from 1862 to 1875 collector of the U. S. Internal Revenue for the 4th District in Massachusetts.

Mr. Clapp came to Boston in 1823, and served his time with his uncle, Nathan Hale, in the counting-room of the Daily Advertiser. After leaving that place, he published for awhile the New England Galaxy, which had then just been relinquished by Jas. T. Buckingham, Esq. A partnership was subsequently entered into with Charles Stimpson, under the firm of Stimpson & Clapp, booksellers and publishers, Mr. Hale being a silent partner. They published a series of volumes under the name of "The American Library of Useful Knowledge," the first of which contained a Preface by Nathan Hale, and Lectures by Judge Story, Daniel Webster, Edward Everett and Lord Brougham. They also published annually the Boston Directory. This partnership was dissolved in 1832, and Mr. Clapp became the publisher of New Church works so-called, including those of Swedenborg; also of the New Jerusalem Magazine from 1832 to 1858—24 years, and the Children's New Church Magazine from 1843 to 1858—fifteen years. He has at different times and during various periods held the following public offices under the city government: Ward Inspector of Elections, Warden, member of the City Council and of the Board of Aldermen (at one time chairman of the latter), member of the Board of Land Commissioners, the Board of Assessors, and eight years one of the Board of Visitors of the Boston Lunatic Asylum; also Representative to the State Legislature, and member of several boards of railroads and of associations for charitable purposes. He has been President of the Washingtonian Home, a charitable Inebriate Asylum in Boston, since 1862, and delivered the address at the dedication of its new building on Waltham Street, in 1873, which was erected at a cost of $100,000. He has also been actively connected, since its first organization, with the Home for Little Wanderers, one of the most beneficent of the many charities in Boston, the disbursements of which during ten years, including building expenses, have been about $320,000, and which has provided for the wants of no less

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than 3800 destitute children. Mr. Clapp was one of the earliest and most earnest workers, many years ago, in the cause of cheap postage, and also in favor of the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel; and more recently has publicly spoken and written in favor of a reform in the rates of railroad transportation. Indeed, he has been a prominent advocate of most of the public movements for the improvement of the morals or the material well-being of the community, during the last quarter of a century. On his retiring from the office of Collector of the Internal Revenue for District 4 in the spring of 1875, on account of the reduction of the number of districts in the State, the presentation of a gold-headed cane was made to him by assistants who had in various ways been connected with him in the duties of the office. From a statement made by himself at the close of his twelve and a half years' services as assessor and collector, we learn that the total amount of internal revenue collected in the Fourth District, which was under his supervision during the whole time of its existence, was over twenty-one and a half millions of dollars. The amount in all Massachusetts during the same time was $162,722,562; and in the whole country, $1,812,495,336. The cost of collecting these large amounts for the time between Sept. 1, 1862, and June 30, 1867 (near five years), was, in the whole country, $2\frac{83}{100}$ per cent.; while in Massachusetts, it was but about $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

It should be added that Mr. Clapp was one of the most active and efficient of the name in originating and conducting the two Family Gatherings, in 1870 and 1873, and it may well be doubted if either of them would have taken place had it not been for his encouragement and aid. At the former meeting, he read an interesting paper, prepared with much care, on the connection of the Clapp Family with the "Puritanic Brotherhood." He has also rendered important assistance in collecting the material for this family "Memorial."

He married first, Aug. 29, 1833, Ann Withington Emery Porter, daughter of Sylvanus Porter, of Boston. She died Oct. 27, 1843, and he married, second, Oct 2, 1844, Mary Hadley, daughter of Deacon Moses Hadley, of Boston. She died Dec. 10, 1871.

Children of Otis and 1st wife Ann Withington Emery (Porter) Clapp:

908. Otis,[8] b. Sept. 1, 1834; d. Sept. 6, 1834.
909. Henry Otis,[8] b. Sept. 17, 1835; m. Rose, dau. of Rev. David Nelson, of Quincy, Ill.; d. in that town, of consumption, Aug. 1, 1866.
910. Joseph,[8] b. Aug. 27, 1839. Enlisted in the 8th Reg. Illinois cavalry, in the war of the Great Rebellion, and rose to be Captain; was under Gen. Farnsworth, and saw much fighting; was successful in taking many prisoners. He m. Feb. 4, 1864, Elmina Jane Jackson, of Syracuse, N. Y. Children:

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911. *Florence Porter*,[9] b. Dec. 12, 1865; d. Oct. 12, 1867.
912. *Joseph Emery*,[9] b. May 2, 1869.
913. *Harry Otis*,[9] b. June 18, 1871.

Children of Otis and 2d wife Mary (Hadley) Clapp:

914. Mary Webb,[8] b. Aug. 18, 1845; m. Oct. 2, 1866, Charles M. Fuller.
915. James Wilkinson,[8] b. Sept. 22, 1847; lives in Boston; m. Oct. 20, 1868, Eliza B. Tuckerman. Children:
916. *Gertrude*,[9] b. Sept. 19, 1870.
917. *Amy*,[9] b. Feb. 11, 1873.
918. Rebecca H.,[8] b. July 17, 1851.

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SYLVANUS[7] (*Bela P.*,[6] *Sylvanus*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), oldest son of Bela P. and Cynthia (Carr) Clapp, was born Nov. 22, 1815; is a physician of extensive practice and high reputation in Pawtucket, R. I. He received his academic education at Sheldon Academy, Southampton, Mass. Studied medicine with Dr. Benjamin Barrett, Northampton. Attended Lectures at Harvard Medical School in 1835, and at Hanover, N. H., in 1836. Received the degree of M.D., Dartmouth College, in 1836. Commenced the practice of medicine in Chesterfield, Mass., same year. Member Massachusetts Medical Society 1839. Removed to Pawtucket, R. I., 1841. Member R. I. Medical Society 1842. Chosen its President 1864–1866. President of Board of Managers of the Pawtucket Dispensary, and Consulting Physician from its organization in 1865. Physician to St. Joseph's Convent. Permanent member of American Medical Association and Providence Medical Association. Received the Honorary Degree of A.M. Brown University, 1870. Consulting Surgeon to R. I. Hospital from its organization, which office he still holds. Has contributed several papers to the R. I. Medical Society, some of which have been published in its Transactions. He presided at the second Clapp Family Gathering, at Nantasket, in 1873, and is deeply interested in all matters connected with the family. He married Jan. 15, 1839, Lucy Mari Clapp (No. 832), daughter of Ebenezer, of Chesterfield.

Children of Sylvanus and Lucy Mari Clapp:

919. Jeannie Frances,[8] b. March 23, 1840; m. Nov. 13, 1873, Geo. A. Fletcher, of Milton, Mass.
920. Kate Catlin,[8] b. Dec. 20, 1844; d. Aug. 29, 1845.
921. Levi Wheaton,[8] b. Jan. 3, 1849; graduated at Brown University, 1870, and at Harvard Medical School in 1873, and commenced the practice of medicine in Pawtucket, R. I.
922. Susan Adela,[8] b. June 19, 1852.

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THEODORE,[7] (*Thaddeus*,[6] *Joseph*,[5] *Jonathan*,[4] *Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Thaddeus[6] and Achsah (Parsons) Clapp, and twin brother of Thaddeus,[7] was born March 29, 1792; graduated at Yale College 1814; studied theology at Andover; licensed as a Congregational minister in 1817. After spending a year in Kentucky as chaplain and teacher in a private family, he was invited in 1822 to succeed Rev. Sylvester Larned, a young man of rare gifts and great pulpit eloquence, as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, and was settled there early in that year. May 31, 1822, he married Adeline Hawes, then of Louisville, Kentucky, but originally from Boston. In 1834, a change took place in his theological views; he became a Unitarian, and dissolved his connection with the Presbyterian church. He remained, however, pastor of nearly the same people as before; "only a small number," as he afterwards wrote, "I think not more than half a dozen, left me." He continued here for thirty-five years, resigning his charge in 1857, on account of ill health. A fit of sickness in 1847 brought him very near the grave, and a voyage to Europe was undertaken in that year, which resulted in the recovery of his health. In 1857 he published his "Autobiographical Sketches and Recollections during a thirty-five years' Residence in New Orleans," in which are graphic accounts of his labors and success in that city. Much personal history is also given, with full particulars of the important change which took place in his religious sentiments. No less than twenty epidemics of yellow fever and cholera were witnessed by him during his long pastorate, and it was his constant practice to remain in the city during the prevalence of the disease, and to administer temporal aid and spiritual consolation indiscriminately to all to whom he was called. In speaking of these epidemics, in his autobiography, Mr. Clapp says that each of them on an average lasted eight weeks. "Multiply," he says, "eight by twenty, and the product is one hundred and sixty. Hence it follows that since my settlement in Louisiana I have spent over three entire years in battling, with all my might, against these invisible enemies, the cholera and yellow fever. In those three years, I scarcely enjoyed a night of undisturbed repose. When I did sleep, it was upon my post, in the midst of the dead and wounded, with my armor on, and ready at the first summons to meet the deadly assault." The ravages by the cholera in 1832 are described by Mr. Clapp from personal observation. On the 25th of October, the first cases were noticed. On the 27th, he says, "it had made its way through every part of the city. During the ten succeeding days all the physicians judged that, at the lowest computation, there were 5000 deaths—an average of 500 every day. Many died of whom no account was rendered. A great number of bodies, with bricks and stones tied to the feet, were thrown into the river. Many were privately in-

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REV. THEODORE CLAPP,
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terred in gardens and enclosures, on the grounds where they expired, whose names were not recorded in the bills of mortality. Often, I was kept in the burying-ground for hours in succession, by the incessant, uninterrupted arrival of corpses, over whom I was requested to perform a short service. One day I did not leave the cemetery till nine o'clock at night; the last interments were made by candle light. ..... After bathing and taking some refreshment, I started out to visit the sick. My door was thronged with servants, waiting to conduct me to the rooms of dying sufferers. In this kind of labor, I spent most of the night. At 3 o'clock, A.M., I returned home, and threw myself on the sofa, with directions to be called at half past five. I was engaged to attend a funeral at six. During the entire epidemic, at least 6000 persons perished." The most fatal epidemic of yellow fever was that of 1837, when there were 10,000 cases of fever reported and about 5000 deaths. A gentleman now (1875) living in Boston resided in New Orleans at that time. He recollects distinctly going one Sunday morning into the church of Parson Clapp, as he was then generally called, during the height of the fearful pestilence, and noticing that not more than thirty or forty persons composed the congregation, which at other times crowded the church to its utmost capacity. He says Mr. Clapp was then the only Protestant minister remaining at his post in the city, and he was made the constant almoner to the sick and dying of the liberal contributions of wealthy citizens and charitable societies. He also bears witness to the great popularity at that time of Mr. Clapp as a preacher, and of the esteem in which he was held as a citizen and a philanthropist. This esteem was manifested in the fact which he himself records, that in his early ministry the church edifice and grounds of the society over which he was settled fell into the hands of Jacob Touro, a wealthy Jew, at an expense to him of $20,000, and were retained by him for about twenty-eight years, the whole income from the pew rents being placed annually in the hands of Mr. Clapp. —Another work by Mr. Clapp, after his resignation, was issued in 1859, called "Theological Views," &c. After this, he continued to reside in Louisville, Kentucky, where he died May 17, 1866. He was often in Boston during the later years of his life. He felt much interest in the history and genealogy of the family, and always called, when opportunity offered, upon the author of this book. In 1858, when an attempt was made to hold the first Clapp Family Meeting, he declined, on account of his health, an invitation to deliver an address on the occasion.

The following, expressive of what seems to have been the general current of his thoughts and feelings, occurs near the close of his "Autobiography:" "Few persons have lived to my age who could call to mind a happier retrospect than that which memory presents to my grateful, contented and rejoicing heart. Though without wealth, I have had access to all the selfish pleasures which wealth is able to bestow." . . . . "The future is inexpressibly bright and glorious."

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LUTHER[7] (*Thaddeus,*[6] *Joseph,*[5] *Jonathan,*[4] *Roger,*[3] *Preserved,*[2] *Roger*[1]), son of Thaddeus and Aschsah (Parsons) Clapp, was born in Easthampton, Jan. 3, 1805. By occupation a merchant and commercial agent. He was at one time Postmaster at Easthampton. Is temporarily residing in Gloversville, N. Y. He married, Sept. 7, 1830, Lucy Pomeroy, of Northampton.

Children of LUTHER and LUCY (Pomeroy) CLAPP:

923. VIRGINIA,[8] dead.

924. LUTHER HART,[8] b. Dec. 24, 1839. Is a Nursery man and Florist at Louise, Ky. Was a soldier in the Confederate Army in the war of 1861–5. He m. in 1864. Children:

925. *Wyllys Frank,*[9] b. in 1866.

926. *A daughter,*[9] b. in 1870.

927. *Charles,*[9] b. in 1873.

928. EGBERT IRVING,[8] b. June 15, 1842. Is a merchant in Batavia, N. Y. He enlisted in Co. B, 31st Mass. Reg't Cav., Nov. 20, 1861; served three years, and was discharged in 1864 to re-enlist in the same Co. and Reg't. Promoted to Q. M. Sergeant June 18, 1864, and to 2d Lieut. June 7, 1865. Was with Gen. Butler when he captured New Orleans, and was in the Red River Expedition, where he received severe and lasting injuries by his horse falling on him. Discharged Sept. 9, 1865. He m., in 1870, ... Pratt.

929. WYLLYS WARNER,[8] b. July 8, 1844. Is a merchant in Northampton. He m., in 1871, ... Blood, and has a daughter.

930. AUGUSTUS MERRILL,[8] b. Aug. 9, 1846; d. in Nashville, Tenn., March 9, 1863. The following inscription, written by Mr. Lafayette Clapp, was used at the decoration of the soldiers' graves in 1872:

"AUGUSTUS MERRILL CLAPP.—This inscription, we may say truly, is to the "Soldier Boy." At the age of 15 years 10 months, he enlisted in Co. K, 85th Ohio Cav., for three months, and was also in Co. C, 88th Ohio. He was engaged in the pursuit of Morgan's guerrillas, and in guarding rebel prisoners. By letters which he wrote to his friends here, he seems to have preferred more active work, and so he reënlisted in the 3d Ohio Cav. He was in one battle where, though unknown to himself at the time, his older brother was among the rebel forces. He died in hospital at Nashville, Tenn., of typhoid fever, March 9, 1863. He was the son of Luther Clapp, and was born at Easthampton, Aug. 9, 1846.

"We place flowers here by this monument in the family burial place, while the remains of the youthful hero lie far away among strangers."

931. JOSEPH LYMAN,[8] b. Sept. 9, 1850. Resides in California.

932. LUCY POMEROY,[8] m. June 24, 1874, Daniel C. Durfee, and lives in Gloversville, N. Y.

933. EMMA,[8] m. a Mr. Clapp.

934. LELA.[8]

935. THADDEUS,[8] b. July 15, 1858; d. in infancy.

Luther[7] has three other daughters, whose names have not been obtained.

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ALEXANDER HUNTINGTON[7] (*Levi*,[6] *Charles*,[5] *Simeon*,[4] *Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), second son of Levi and Sarah (Huntington) Clapp, was born Sept. 1, 1818. In early childhood, he was taken to Boston, into the family of his maternal uncle, Ralph Huntington, Esq., where the studies commenced in the country school were carried forward in the Adams and Fort Hill Grammar Schools and the English High School—on leaving which, he spent several years as a clerk in Boston. Prepared for college in Phillips (Andover) and Leicester Academies; entered Yale College in 1838, and graduated in 1842; spent two years in Yale Theological Seminary, and one in that at Andover, from which he graduated in 1845. While in Andover Seminary, he edited a selection from the writings of Bishop Joseph Hall. September 4, 1845, he married Emily Payson Copland, of Boston. In 1846, he officiated as Professor *pro tem.* of Rhetoric and English Literature, in Middlebury College, Vermont. Was ordained, Oct. 14, 1846, Pastor of the Centre Congregational Church of Brattleboro', Vermont. Here he edited "Lives of the Presidents," and other works.

In January, 1853, he was obliged, by a severe affection of the eyes, to suspend preaching, and resigned his charge Nov. 15, 1853. While under the care of oculists, he served as cashier of the Pacific Mills in Boston and Lawrence, Mass. Enabled to resume his profession, he commenced labor in the summer of 1855, with the Beneficent Congregational Church of Providence, R. I., and was installed its pastor, Oct. 3, 1855. While here, as in Brattleboro', he greatly endeared himself to those under his charge, and his connection with them is still spoken of by the older members of both churches with much tenderness and affection. This last charge he resigned, Feb. 8, 1865, to accept an appointment as Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, New York city, which office he still (1875) holds. Several of his sermons and addresses have been published, and he has contributed various articles to the magazines and religious press; but, for the most part, his life has been closely devoted to the duties of his profession. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him, by Iowa College, in 1868. In 1860, a European trip of six months was taken by himself and wife, at the charge of his Providence people, who also gave him a furlough in 1862, while he served as chaplain of the 10th Reg't R. I. Vols. called for the defence of Washington. In 1874, he was appointed lecturer (for three years) on Home Missions, in Andover Theological Seminary.

He possesses rare abilities as a preacher, and is exerting a most beneficial influence in the important post which he occupies. He delivered the admirable address at the Clapp Family Gathering in Northampton, in 1870.

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[The account of the family of No. 321, p. 37, was accidentally mislaid at the time that page was printed. It is inserted here, in order that all in the line of ROGER[1] may be as nearly together as possible, rather than in the Appendix, where it is probable other omissions and corrections will find a place.]

ZENAS[6] (*Simeon*,[5] *Simeon*,[4] *Roger*,[3] *Preserved*,[2] *Roger*[1]), only son of Simeon and Patty (Root) Clapp, was born in Northampton. He married, Aug. 29, 1818, Belinda Dickinson, of Hadley.

Children of ZENAS and BELINDA (Dickinson) CLAPP:

936. WILLIAM D.,[7] b. April 5, 1820; m. first, April 15, 1842, Louisa E. Chapin, of Northampton, who d. Oct. 12, 1847; second, Aug. 29, 1850, Sarah G. Fisher, of Northampton. He is in active business in Northampton. The Address by him in that place, in 1870, at the opening of the Family Gathering there, was not excelled in feeling and appropriateness by any of the public remarks on that interesting occasion. Child:
    937. *Louisa M.*,[8] child of 1st wife, lived only a few hours.
938. MERRICK H.,[7] b. Oct. 12, 1823; m. Lucy Hastings. Children:
    939. *Henry M.*,[8] b. in 1847.
    940. *Albert M.*,[8] b. in 1850.
    941. *Ella M.*,[8] b. in 1853.
    942. *Lucy E.*,[8] b. in 1855.
    943. *Clara E.*,[8] b. in 1857.
944. SARAH A.,[7] b. Sept. 5, 1824; m. first, Luther Dickinson; second, Frederick S. Chapin.
945. ABNER B.,[7] b. April 12, 1825.
946. HELEN,[7] b. Jan. 13, 1837; m. May 8, 1873, Charles Wetherbee.

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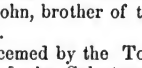
II.

EDWARD AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Edward Clapp

Was an elder brother of Captain Roger, and came from England to Dorchester about 1633. He probably came in the vessel which arrived July 24th of that year.* Thomas and Nicholas it is most likely came in the same vessel; and John, brother of the last named two, not until some time subsequently.

Dea. Edward was a man much esteemed by the Town, and held many responsible offices, being one of the Selectman for several years, and Deacon of the church twenty-six years. In the Church Records we find the following account of his death: "The 8th day of the 11th mo. 1664, being the Sabbath day, Deacon Edward Clap departed this life and now resteth with the Lord, there to spend an eternal Sabbath with God and Christ in Heaven, after that he had faithfully served in the office of a Deacon for the space of about five or six and twenty years, and being the first Church officer that was taken away by death since the first joining together in covenant, which is now 28 years, 4 mo. and odd days." John Farmer, of New Hampshire (who probably did more than any other person in the country towards tracing out the genealogy of ancient families and names, until James Savage issued his four octavo vols. of 2493 pages), published in 1830 a Genealogical Register, in which he says Deacon Edward Clapp died "leaving no issue." I think he came to that conclusion by information obtained from the Rev. Dr. Harris or Mr. Elisha Clap; but they were all mistaken. Probably Elisha thought that the Ezra who died in 1691 was a *son* of Deacon Edward, and thus arrived at the conclusion that he left no descendants; but he was a *grandson*, then about 17 years of age. The old gentleman, as will be seen by his Will, left his lands in Milton



* "July 24, 1633. A ship arrived from Weymouth, with about 80 passengers and 12 kine, who sate down at Dorchester. They were 12 weeks coming, being forced into the Western Islands by a leak, where they stayed three weeks and were very courteously used by the Portugals; but the extremity of the heat there, and the continual rain, brought sickness upon them, so as (blank) died."—*Winthrop's History of New England.*

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to his son Ezra, and thither the latter removed some time after his father's decease. Dea. Edward had a second wife when he died. The christian name of the first was Prudence; that of the last, Susanna, daughter of William Cockerill, of Salem, Mass. One of them, probably the first, must have been a sister to Thomas, Nicholas and John, for John in his Will calls him his brother-in-law; at the same time he calls Roger cousin, so that Edward and Nicholas and their wives were of but two families. Deacon Edward owned one-half of the Mill called "Clapp's Mill," and Deacon Nicholas owned a quarter of the same. It stood nearly Northeast of the house formerly owned and occupied by the late Preserved Baker, in the north part of Dorchester near Roxbury, not far from the bend of the creek which formerly run inland from the salt water in the South Bay. The mill was built by a Mr. Bate, probably Mr. James Bate (now spelled Bates) for the above-named owners. Prudence, the first wife of Deacon Edward, died previous to 1656; his second wife, who lived his widow about 24 years, died June 16, 1688.

DEA. EDWARD CLAPP'S WILL.

The last Will and Testament of M^{r} Edward Clappe, of Dorchester, made this third day of January, one thousand six hundred sixty-four.

I being weak in body, yet in perfect memory, Doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following:

Imprimis: I comit my Immortal soul into the hands of that heavenall God that made it, & my Body after Death to my Dear relations and Christian friends, to bee decently buried in the earth there to rest knowing assuredly it shall be raised up again by my Dear redeemer Y^{e} Lord Jesus Christ at his cominge.

And as for my outward estate my funeral being discharged & just debts paid I give & bequeathe unto my Dear and Loving Wife, twenty pounds in what goods she shall Desire it, and farther my Will is that shee shall enjoye all my Housing, Land, orchard, planting Land and meadow, together with y^{e} two neerest Diuisions of woodland (except what is heerafter expressed) During her widowhood, except my sonne Nehemiah shall first Marry or attaine the age of twenty-one yeares, then in such case he shall have such part as is heerafter expressed, also my Dear Wife shall enjoye one quarter of the tide mill untill Nehemiah's age aforesaid. But if my Dear Wife shall marry then my Will is that all my land shall Returne unto my two sonnes as is heerafter expressed, & then my will is that my Dear Wife shall haue fourscore pounds more added to the first twenty, to bee hers foreuer.

As for my children my Will is that Ezra shall haue as much as my daughters, & my Will is that my four daughters shall haue an equall portion, my sonne Nehemiah twenty pounds more than my Daughters. I canne sett no summe because I know not w^{t} it will come to, but my meaning is that t^{y} shall haue equall portions with what they that are married haue already received, it being thirty pounds apiece which is to be part of their portions. I will and appoint that Ezra my eldest sonne shall haue my land lying at Milton in the 12th Lott, upon apprisement, & all my

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Lands lying on that side Naponsett Riuer, also a parcell of medow at Dorchester necke, near powwow point, & another small parcell of meadow at or near pine neck, & that land on y^e^ plaine at neck towards powwow-point, & a quarter of the tide Mill, all to be prized & he receiuing paying as is Due by the appointment of my ouerseers hereafter mentioned, unto whom I Doe give full power to order as they shall judge most conducing to the good of my Dear Wife & of all my children, keeping as near as may bee to this my Will.

I give unto my sonne Nehemiah at marriage or age, one half of the Housing, Land, orchard, meadow, wood land, one quarter of the tide mill, all to be prized & he to pay his sisters what is their portion to bee paid at the appointment of the overseers. I give unto my daughter Susanna an equal single portion to bee paid her at the appointment of my overseers. I give unto my daughter Esther an equal single portion to be paid her by my overseers appointment, by my executors. I doe hereby make and appoint my dear Loving Wife & my loving sonne Ezra Clappe to bee my Executors, and Doe Intreat and empower my Dear louing Brethren Captain Roger Clappe, Ensighns John Capen & Nicholas Clappe to be my ouerseers, unto whom I give power to see the performance of my Will & to appoint the times of payment of the daughters portions, & prizing of housing, Lands, Mill, together with the Executors.

That this is my last Will and testament I have set too my hand in y^e^ presence of

[There are no signatures to this Will, which omission is explained by a certificate on the records of the Probate Office, attached to the copy of the Will, of which certificate the following is an abstract.]

The testimony of Roger Clapp, aged 55 yeares or thereabout, & Jn^o^ Capen, aged 51 yeares, & Nicholas Clap, aged 52 or thereabouts. Wee euery one of us being present at the House of Edward Clappe, on the 3^d^ day of January 1664, did hear the writing now presented read unto the said Edward Clap, now Deceased, & he approued of it to be his will, & hee Caused it to bee read againe, in the hearing of his wife, to see if shee had any exception to make & then appointed it to be writ fairly out againe, which accordingly was forthwith Done, & wee Coming to the Intent to haue it perfected, were informed that he was asleepe & therefore were not willing to trouble him, it being Late in the night, went away & forbore at that present, & afterward it was neglected to bee presented, so nothing elce was done, concerning settling his Estate that we know of. Taken upon oath the 1^st^ of February 1664, as the probate of the will hereto annext, y^e^ wife & sonne, Execut^rs^ therein, accepting thereof, the wife by her letter & the sonne in Court by the 3 p^r^ties aboue written, as attests,

Edward Rawson, Recorder.

Inventory of the Estate of Edward Clappe, of Dorchester who Departed this Life the 8^th^ Jan. 1664, apprised by Hopestill Foster, William Sumner, Feb. 17^th^ 1664. Amt £794.15.3. including debts due the estate. The Estate debtor to the am^t^. £113.02.07. Mentions land at seuerall places, at the little & great necke, in the Cow walke at Milton, by Mr. Stoughtons Farme, &c. &c. Halfe the Mill valued at £50.

Susanna Clapp deposed, March 30, 1665, to this Inventory of the Estate of her late Husband, Edward Clappe.

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Children of Dea. EDWARD and 1st wife PRUDENCE CLAPP:

2. ELIZABETH,[2] b. 1634; d. Jan. 16, 1694, aged 60 years. She m. about the first of Jan., 1652, Elder James Blake, b. in Eng. 1623; her husband survived her a little upwards of six years, and d. June 28, 1700, aged 77 years.
3. PRUDENCE,[2] b. Dec. 28, 1637; m. Simon Peck, of Hingham, February, 1660. She joined the church in Dorchester Feb. 20, 1658, and was dismissed to the church in Hingham. Their son Ephraim was baptized in Dorchester the 20th of 4th mo., 1680.

†4. EZRA,[2] b. May 22, 1640; d. Jan. 23, 1717, aged 77 years.

†5. NEHEMIAH,[2] b. about Sept. 1646; d. April 2, 1684, aged 38 years.

6. SUSANNA,[2] b. Nov. 1648.

Children of EDWARD and 2d wife SUSANNA (Cockerill) CLAPP:

7. ESTHER,[2] b. July, 1656; m. June 9, 1684, Samuel Strong, of Northampton. He was brother of Ebenezer, who m. Hannah, dau. of Nicholas Clapp, and who was great-grandfather to Gov. Caleb Strong.
8. ABIGAIL,[2] b. April 27, 1659; d. Jan. 3, 1660.
9. JOSHUA,[2] b. May 12, 1661; d. May 22, 1662.
10. JONATHAN,[2] b. March 23, 1664; d. May 30, 1664.

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EZRA[2] (*Edward*[1]), son of Edward and Prudence Clapp, was born May 22, 1640. He married for his first wife Abigail Pond (not Sarah Pond as stated in the Church Records; Sarah married Desire Clapp). It will be perceived that his father left him his land, which was situated at Milton;* he lived in Dorchester several years subsequent to his father's death, and probably removed to Milton as early

* Milton was incorporated as a separate town May 7, 1662. It previously constituted a part of Dorchester, which also embraced within its limits the present towns of Stoughton, Canton, Sharon and parts of Wrentham and Foxborough. The church in Milton was gathered in 1678, and the church covenant then entered into was signed by Anthony Newton, Robert Tucker, William Blacke, Thomas Swift, George Sumner, Thomas Holman, Ebenezer Clap, Edward Blacke, George Lion, James Tucker, Ephraim Tucker, Manasseh Tucker. Ezra Clapp then being a member of the church in Dorchester, did not sign the covenant. The Rev. Peter Thacher was invited to become minister of the chnrch; his answer of acceptance was dated May 8, 1681; he was ordained June 1st, and his services began Sept. 2d following, and continued above 46 years, till his death, Dec. 17, 1727. He was son of Rev. Thomas, first minister of the Old South Church, Boston, b. in England, May 1, 1620, and emigrated to Boston in 1635. Rev. Peter, the Milton minister, was b. in Salem, July 18, 1651, grad. Harv. Coll. 1671, sometimes preached to the Indians in their own language, and also practised medicine, expending much of his salary in the purchase of medicines for the sick and needy. During his connection with the church of Milton, there were 251 admissions to it. His funeral sermon was preached by Dr. Cotton Mather, being the last sermon he ever delivered. The Rev. John Taylor succeeded Mr. Thacher, and was ordained Nov. 13, 1728, and died Jan. 25, 1750. The Rev. Nathaniel Robbins, who grad. Harv. Coll. 1747, followed, and was ordained Feb. 13, 1751, at the age of 24 years, and continued minister of the town 45 years; he died May 19, 1795, aged 69. Rev. Joseph McKean, D.D., LL.D., was the fourth minister. He grad. Harv. Coll. 1794, and was ordained in Milton November, 1797. Ill health compelled his resignation, after a period of little less than seven years. The Rev. Samuel Gile, D.D., grad. Dart. Coll. 1804, and was ordained successor to Dr. McK. Feb. 18, 1807. During his ministry, a division of the ch. took place, a new society was formed, and Mr. Gile was its pastor until his death, October, 1835.—The town of Milton was the abode of Governor Hutchinson and other colonial officers, before the Revolution.

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as 1667. The estate in Milton to which he removed was situated between the meeting-house, in Milton, and Dorchester Upper Mills. According to the Milton Church Records, Feb. 10, 1688, Brother Ezra Clapp, by virtue of a letter of dismission from Dorchester church, "and Mary Pitcher, with the rest of bro. Claps children," were propounded as desiring to join the church in Milton, and at the same time Experience wife of Ezra, and Abigail their daughter, were received into the church. About 1712, he built a mill on Neponset River. The following vote respecting it is in the Milton Town Records, viz.: "Whereas Ezra Clap has erected a corn mill about two years past at the request of sum of the inhabitants of the Town and has been very beneficeat to the neibors, we do on request of said Clap grant unto him as much of the water of River Naponset as is needful for his Mill."

His first wife, Abigail, died Oct. 12, 1682, eleven days after the birth of their daughter Elizabeth. He married second, May 22, 1684, Experience Houghton, who died Dec. 17, 1717. Ezra died Jan. 23, 1717, aged 77 years. As his Will is somewhat curious and original, it is here inserted.

WILL OF EZRA CLAPP.

I Ezra Clap of Milton in the County of Suffolk within his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman being infirm of Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praised be God for it, Knowing the uncertainty of life and being desirous to settle that outward estate the Lord hath lent me, Do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following: That is to say First and Principally I commit my soul unto the hands of that God who gave it me, hoping for pardon, acceptance and salvation only and alone upon the accompt of the meer mercy of God and merits of Christ, my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executor hereafter named, and as touching the worldly Estate the Lord hath given me, my Will and meaning is that the same shall be disposed and bestowed as hereafter in and by this my Will is Expressed, hereby renouncing and making null and void all Wills and Testaments by me formerly made declaring and appointing this to be my last Will and Testament.

I Will that all my just debts and funeral charges be well and truly paid in convenient time after my decease by my Executor hereafter named. Item, I do give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Experience Clap the sum of twenty pounds, in such moveables of my household goods as she shall see good to choose to be at her own free disposal, and do hereby ordain and appoint, that she shall have the little end of my Dwelling House to live in during the time of her continuing my widow. Item, I do hereby give and bequeath to my son Nehemiah all that part of my homestead of land from my son-in-law Nathaniel Pitchers line till it comes to a stone ditch in the old field, as also all my housings on said land, with one half of my salt meadow; as also one half of my Wood Lott of land, lying between the land of Henry Glovers deceased and the land of Ephraim Newton. Item, I give and bequeath to my son Ezra Clap my corn mill with the land and housing that is between Neponsit River and the highway leading to Brush Hill. I also

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give him four acres of my salt meadow; and I further give him my piece of meadow at the blew hills consisting of about five acres be it more or less; I further give him my land in the new field belonging to my homestead containing by estimation twelve acres be it more or less, that is to say the land lying beyond the stone ditch before mentioned and so extending to the Highway afore-said leading to Brush Hill. Item, I give to my son Ebenezer Clap my lot of land lying in the twelfth Division (so called) being in number the eight lot, lying beyond the land of Punkapaug within the Township of Dorchester. I also further give him Two acres of my salt meadow with a load of Creek thatch as it stands growing Yearly each and every year forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid three sons Nehemiah, Ezra and Ebenezer Clap all my common rights of land to be equally divided between them; all and every of which before mentioned particulars and parcels of land and Housing granted and bequeathed to each and Every of my said sons I give to them their heirs and assigns forever. Item, my Will is, that whereas my eldest son Edward Clap (who went to Canada) whom I had by my first wife Abigail Pond, which whether alive or dead I know not, That if ever he should arrive here, I give and bequeath to him his heirs and assigns forever sixty acres of woodland, which came by his mother, and forty acres more of land; thereabout adjoining the sixty acres; lying next to the land of John Maxfield all scituate lying and being in the Township of Dorchester, the eight lot in the twelfth Division; but in case my said son Edward Clap do not arrive or be not heard of in five years after my decease, that then my Executor hereafter named Do pay to the children hereafter mentioned as followeth, namely, to the children of my daughter Abigail King deceased; to my daughter Judith Tucker and to the children of my daughter Elizabeth Rice deceased their just and equal part and proportion of the aforesaid sixty acres of land (if they desire it) as shall be apprised by Indifferent men as part of their portions before granted and bequeathed unto them that yet may be behind due unto them. Item, I give unto my son-in-law Nathaniel Pitcher five shillings money and the reason why I now give him no more is because he has already had in money and other things more than sixty pounds. Item, I give to my grand children the children of my daughter Abigail King deceased, forty pounds. That is to say with what I have already paid her; I having paid her twenty-four pounds and twelve shillings, so that I give them fifteen pounds eight shillings more. Item, I give to my daughter Sarah Vose five shillings money and the reason why I give her no more is because she has had her full part and portion paid her already, with what improvement has been had, for many years past of my fresh meadow by my son-in-law John Vose. Item, I give to my daughter Judith Tucker (with what I have already given her) fifty pounds I having paid her thirty and nine pounds, so that I give her eleven pounds more to make up the fifty pounds, and the reason why I give her more than the rest is because she and myself have been both disappointed of what we expected from her Uncle Clap deceased. Item, I give to the children of my daughter Elizabeth Rice deceased twelve pounds and eight shillings I having paid her already twenty-seven pounds and eight shillings. Item, I give to my daughter Jane Tucker eighteen pounds I having already paid her twenty-two pounds. Item, I do give and bequeath unto my two daughters Ester and Susanna Clap fourscore pounds, forty pounds pr. piece. And further my Will is that if it shall so happen, that if any one or more of my children be removed by death before marriage, that their share of my estate shall be equally divided amongst those of my children surviving that

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I had by my last Wife. Lastly, my Will is that my beloved Wife Experience Clap be well provided for to her full comfort or otherwise to have one third part of my Estate according to law, and my Will and appointment is that my three sons Nehemiah, Ezra and Ebenezer Clap pay all the aforesaid Legacys within five years after my decease and honorably maintain their Mother according to what they have received of my estate, and that as they may and can agree, or otherwise to be judged and decided by indifferent men, hoping and trusting they will all live in love and be far from falling out by the way. And farther my Will is That if it should so happen that any one or more of my children shall be and remain unsatisfied with their part and portion granted and bequeathed unto them or go about to break this my said Will, That he or she whosoever they may be shall forfeit their part and portion, which shall be distributed and divided unto and amongst the rest of my children. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Nehemiah Clap the Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eleventh day of July one thousand seven hundred and sixteen in the second Year of his Majestys reign. EZRA CLAP [& a Seal.]

Signed, Sealed Published and declared to be the last Will and Testament of Ezra Clap in presence of us—

James Blake,
John Blake,
Joseph Parmenter.

Mr. Ezra Clapp bought of James Holton the house and land in Milton which belonged to Robert Pond in 1665; it then belonged to Mrs. Ellen or Allen, who was the widow of Robert Pond, and subsequently married Nicholas Ellen. He died Jan. 23, 1717.

Children of EZRA and 1st wife ABIGAIL (Pond) CLAPP:

11. MARY,[3] b. April 26, 1667; m. Nathaniel Pitcher, of Milton, July 8, 1684, being then 17 years of age. She is supposed to have died before her father, but was living in 1707.
12. EDWARD,[3] b. Sept. 1672. He went to Canada, probably in the expedition sent to fight the Indians in 1690; it appears that he never returned. It will be seen by the Will of his father that provision was made for him in case he was alive. He served in Capt. John Withington's Company; 46 of that expedition were lost at sea.
13. EZRA,[3] b. Jan. 29, 1674. He was no doubt the one of that name who d. April 10, 1691. It is supposed he lived in Dorchester at the time, as his death is noted upon the records of this town. His age not appearing is probably the reason for the mistake alluded to in John Farmer's Genealogical Register, that he was the son of Deacon Edward, instead of his grandson; and, in that case, the family name *was* extinct in that branch.
14. ABIGAIL,[3] b. 1675; m. a Mr. King, and d. before her father, leaving children.
15. SARAH,[3] b. July 20, 1677; m. John Vose, of Milton.
16. JUDITH,[3] b. May 6, 1680; m. Joseph Tucker, May 27, 1702.
17. ELIZABETH,[3] b. Oct. 1, 1682; m. March 13, 1700, John Rice, Jr., of Sudbury, son of John and Tabitha Rice. She d. previous to July, 1716, leaving children.

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Children of EZRA and 2d wife EXPERIENCE (Houghton) CLAPP:

18. WILLIAM,[3] b. July, 1685. Probably died young.
19. JANE,[3] b. March 12, 1687; d. Feb. 17, 1743; m. Ebenezer Tucker, Jan. 30, 1707.
20. NEHEMIAH,[3] d. July 18, 1743.
21. EZRA,[3] b. March 18, 1693; bapt. March 25; d. Sept. 20, 1761.
22. EBENEZER,[3] b. Feb. 3, 1697; bapt. Feb. 7.
23. HESTER,[3] (or Esther) b. Feb. 10, 1699; bapt. Feb. 12; m. James Endicott, of Dorchester, Dec. 26, 1720.
24. SUSANNA,[3] b. March 7, 1702; bapt. March 8; m. Dec. 26, 1723, George Sumner, b. Sept. 1697. She d. Nov. 1734.

Milton Church Records contain the name of Mindwell, dau. of Ezra Clapp, bapt. Sept. 27, 1691.

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NEHEMIAH[2] (*Edward*[1]), son of Edward and Prudence Clapp, was born about September, 1646. He married, April, 1678, Sarah Leavit (now Leavitt) daughter of John Leavitt one of the early settlers of Hingham; he lived in Hingham awhile, but not long. His wife owned the covenant in Dorchester the 29th of the fifth month, 1677, and on the 26th of the sixth month (Aug. 26), 1682, Nehemiah and his wife were dismissed from the Church in Hingham, and joined the Church in Dorchester. He died April 2, 1684, aged 38 years. After her husband's death and previous to November 30, 1689, Sarah married Samuel Howe, of Sudbury. Her father was a tailor by trade, and a great landholder; he, in connection with Capt. Joshua Hobart, Lieut. John Smith and Nathaniel Baker, bought a tract of land beyond Providence, fifteen miles square, called by the Indians Twanckoc; also with Hobart and Smith a piece of land six miles square, called "Pennycooke;" he owned a quarter of the former, and a third of the latter purchase.

WILL OF NEHEMIAH CLAPP, OF DORCHESTER.

The last Will and Testament of Nehemiah Clap (though being weak in body yet of perfect memory and understanding, the good Lord be blessed and praysed therefor), made this nineteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty-three or four.

Imp^{m}: I commit my immortal soule into the hands of that eternal God that made it, and my Will is that after my death my body be decently buried, knowing that it shall be raised up again by my dear Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ at his coming. As for my outward estate my Will is that after my funerall expences are discharged and all just debts paid, I do give and bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife all my moveable Estate and all her dowry and portion that is or may be due unto her. And as for that part of my Estate which is in housing and land I leave with my dear Wife to be at her disposal and for her use and benefit during the time of her widowhood. But if she shall marry then my Will is that when my children come of age and when my son Edward do attain the age of twenty-one years my Will is that he shall have double portion, and that he shall enjoy all

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my housing and land together with a quarter of the tide Mill, He paying a single portion to his sister Submit; And I do appoint my dear and loving Wife to be sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. And I do intreat my loving friends and kinsmen Ensign Samuel Clap and brother Josiah Levit that they would be pleased to be my overseers to see my Will performed and fulfilled.

In witness whereof I the said Nehemiah Clap have hereunto set my hand and Seale this day and Year above written.

NEHEMIAH CLAP [by a Seale].

In presence of James Blake,
John Capen, Jr.

Children of NEHEMIAH and SARAH (Leavitt) CLAPP:

25. EDWARD,[3] b. Dec. 20, 1678; d. Feb. 1, 1679.
+26. EDWARD,[3] b. Dec. 9, 1680; d. Dec. 3, 1733.
27. SUBMIT,[3] b. Aug. 2, 1683. She removed to Sudbury, and m. Joseph Britnall, of that place, March 20, 1708. She survived him and was m. to Richard Taylor, of Sudbury, July 23, 1741, she then being about 58 years of age. She m. a third husband Nov. 30, 1755; d. Jan. 29, 1759, and was buried in Stow, Mass.

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NEHEMIAH[3] (*Ezra*,[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Ezra and Experience (Houghton) Clapp, was a man much respected in Milton; he married Lydia Tucker, of Milton, Aug. 16, 1716. He was a Deacon of the Church in Milton, and died as before named, July 18, 1743. He left a Will, made June 23, 1743, giving to his wife Lydia one-third of his "creatures and moveables," and the improvement of one-third of his estate while she remained his widow; to his sons Stephen and Joseph Clap he gave the remainder of his estate in equal portions, they also to have their mother's after she ceased to improve it. To his daughters Hannah and Judith, he gave his portion of the land granted the Canada soldiers, and £100 in bills of credit old tenor; the land granted the Canada soldiers he received as the representative of his brother Edward, who was lost in the Canada expedition of 1690; there were lost at sea in that expedition 46 soldiers, who went from Dorchester. This land was granted the survivors of that company or their representatives by the General Court of Massachusetts June 19, 1735, and is *now* called Ashburnham (formerly Dorchester Canada); it is in Worcester County, and incorporated in 1765. The right in the above-named land was apprized at £60.

Nehemiah's whole inventory was £3019 11s. 4d. His Will may be found at the Probate office in Boston, 36th vol. page 190.

Children of Dea. NEHEMIAH and LYDIA (Tucker) CLAPP:

28. LYDIA,[4] bapt. Aug. 11, 1717; d. April 10, 1736, unm., aged 19 yrs.
29. EZRA,[4] b. Sept. 11, 1719; bapt. Sept. 13; d. Jan. 12, 1740, aged 21 years.

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30. HANNAH,[4] b. March 19, 1721; d. March 16, 1756; m. Mr. Stephen Badlam, March 1, 1744.
+31. STEPHEN,[4] b. April 17, 1724; bapt. April 19.
+32. JOSEPH,[4] b. June 7, 1726; bapt. June 11; d. Jan. 30, 1799.
33. JUDITH,[4] b. Jan. 30, 1728; bapt. Feb. 2; m. Ebenezer Swift.
34. EPHRAIM,[4] bapt. Feb. 6, 1731–2; d. Oct. 26, 1733.
35. JONATHAN,[4] b. Oct. 16, 1734; bapt. Oct. 20; d. July 13, 1736.

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EZRA[3] (*Ezra,*[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Ezra, and Experience (Houghton) Clapp, was born March 18, 1693, and died Sept. 20, 1761, aged 68. He married, Nov. 17, 1715, Waitstill Tucker, of Milton, daughter of Manasseh Tucker, and had several children. By the Milton Church Records, it seems they were admitted to the church in Milton April 28, 1717. Ezra removed to Middleboro' in 1726, being dismissed with his wife to the church in the latter place Dec. 18 of that year. She died July 31, 1763, aged about 73 years.

Children of EZRA and WAITSTILL (Tucker) CLAPP:

36. WAITSTILL,[4] b. Oct. 6, 1716; bapt. Oct. 7.
37. EXPERIENCE,[4] b. April 30 (ch. rec. bapt. April 13), 1718; d. May 26, 1720, aged 2 years.
38. ELIJAH,[4] b. July 31, 1721; bapt. Aug. 6. He removed with his father to Middleboro'; m. in 1741, Hope Thomas, and removed to Brookfield. He d. in 1790.
+39. MANASSEH,[4] b. Sept. 28, 1725; bapt. Oct. 3.

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EBENEZER[3] (*Ezra,*[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Ezra and Experience (Houghton) Clapp, was born in Milton, February 3, 1697, and married Abigail Belcher, of that place, Feb. 4, 1719; he removed to Dorchester previous to Oct. 7, 1726; he had one child born in Milton, and one in Dorchester. Ebenezer probably went to Middleboro' about the time his brother Ezra did. He is called of that place in a deed dated Feb. 24, 1730.

Children of EBENEZER and ABIGAIL (Belcher) CLAPP:

40. ELIZABETH,[4] b. in Milton, July 6, 1721; bapt. July 9 ("her father owning y^e^ Covenant"); d. July 25, 1721.
41. ELIZABETH,[4] b. in Dorchester, Oct. 7, 1726; bapt. in Milton Nov. 20.

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EDWARD[3] (*Nehemiah,*[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Nehemiah and Sarah (Leavitt) Clapp, and his second son of that name, was born Dec. 9, 1680, and died Dec. 3, 1733. He married Mary Clark, of Boston, Nov. 11, 1703. I suppose he lived in Dorchester until 1722, and then removed to Sudbury, Mass. I think he married a second wife

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while he lived in Dorchester, whose christian name was Abigail. He was probably rather a shiftless man; he had a good estate left him, which he disposed of before he removed to Sudbury. In 1722, he enlisted in Captain Edward Ward's Company, and was in an expedition against the Indians. No account can be found of his children, besides two daughters, who finished the name of Deacon Edward's descendants in the line of his son Nehemiah. He died in Sudbury, Dec. 3, 1733.

Child of EDWARD and 1st wife MARY (Clark) CLAPP:

42. MARY,[4] b. Aug. 16, 1704; d. young.

By 2d wife ABIGAIL (.....) CLAPP:

43. MARY,[4] b. April 9, 1722. She probably lived in Sudbury, where her father removed soon after her birth.

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STEPHEN[4] (*Nehemiah,*[3] *Ezra,*[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Nehemiah and Lydia (Tucker) Clapp, was born April 17, 1724. Wife Mary. It appears that he spent his days and died in Milton.

Children of STEPHEN and wife MARY CLAPP:

44. LYDIA,[5] b. Oct. 7, 1750; bapt. Oct. 21; never married.
45. STEPHEN,[5] b. Oct. 22, 1752. He never married. It appears that he died when he was a little upwards of 20 years of age.
46. HANNAH,[5] b. Aug. 23, 1754; never married.
47. EZRA,[5] b. May 10, 1757; d. young.
48. ESTHER,[5] b. Sept. 11, 1759; m. Lemuel Capen (see No. 57); they both d. in Rutland, Mass.
49. JUDITH,[5] b. Feb. 17, 1762; never m.; probably d. when between the ages of 20 and 30 years.

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JOSEPH[4] (*Nehemiah,*[3] *Ezra,*[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Nehemiah and Lydia (Tucker) Clapp, was born June 7, 1726. He was Deacon of the Church, and left Milton when he had arrived at about the age of 55, and resided in Sterling. When in Milton, he lived in the house afterwards occupied by Mr. C. Breck, on the road from Milton Meeting House to near the Upper Mills in Dorchester. He died in Sterling, Jan. 30, 1799, aged 73 years. Wife Rachel.

Children of JOSEPH and wife RACHEL CLAPP:

50. RACHEL,[5] b. Dec. 17, 1751; m. first, Stephen Babcock, of Milton; second, Enos Blake, of Dorchester, currier. She d. in Weymouth, leaving two daughters.
+51. NEHEMIAH,[5] b. Sept. 13, 1753; bapt. Sept. 23; d. in 1822.
52. SUSANNA,[5] b. March 16, 1760; m. Silas Grout, of Sudbury. They left children, one of whom, William Clapp Grout, was a Representative to the General Court in 1843, from the town of Wayland.

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53. JOSEPH,[6] d. June 1, 1758.
54. CATHARINE,[6] b. June 15, 1762; m. Rogers Chase, of Royalston.
55. ABIGAIL,[6] b. Oct. 4, 1764; m. Mr. Joseph Crackbon, who d. in Newton. She was living in 1843.
56. JERUSHA,[6] b. May 29, 1767; m. Andrew Putnam, of Sterling. They left at least two children (sons). One of them, Rev. George Putnam, D.D., is now (1875) the pastor of the first church in Roxbury; and, as a preacher of extraordinary power, as a man and Christian, is an honor and ornament to his generation.
57. LYDIA,[6] b. Aug. 12, 1771; m. Lemuel Capen, of Rutland. She was his second wife, his first being Esther (No. 48), dau. of Stephen, and cousin to Lydia Clapp.

+58. STEPHEN,[6] b. March 14, 1777; d. Jan. 1846.

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MANASSEH[5] (*Ezra*,[3] *Ezra*,[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Ezra and Waitstill (Tucker) Clapp, was born in Milton, Sept. 28, 1725. He removed to Middleboro'.

Child of MANASSEH CLAPP:

+59. ELIJAH,[6] b. July 3, 1751.

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NEHEMIAH[5] (*Joseph*,[4] *Nehemiah*,[3] *Ezra*,[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Joseph and Rachel Clapp, was born September 13, 1753. He married Jerusha Vose, of Milton. In 1779, removed from Milton to Sherburne; afterwards from Sherburne to Leominster, from Leominster to Royalston, and from Royalston to Franconia, N. H. He died in 1822.

Children of NEHEMIAH and JERUSHA (Vose) CLAPP:

60. JOSEPH,[6] b. in 1775; d. in 1820.
61. JERUSHA,[6] b. 1778; m. Aug. 20, 1826, David Hyde, and lived in Boston. Mr. Hyde d. and she was living in 1843 with her second husband, Mr. Mellen.
62. WILLIAM,[6] b. 1785; d. Nov. 1818, unm., in Boston, aged 33 years.

+63. NEHEMIAH,[6] b. 1790.

64. THOMAS,[6] b. 1797; d. in Boston, unm., July, 1815.

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STEPHEN[5] (*Joseph*,[4] *Nehemiah*,[3] *Ezra*,[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Joseph and Rachel Clapp, was born March 14, 1777, in Milton. He removed with his father to Sterling, and from there to Chester, Vt. He married Hannah Lewis, of Sterling, in 1797 or 1798. He called on the author of this work several times in 1843, and appeared to be a very intelligent and exemplary man. He died in Chester, Vt., in January, 1846.

Children of STEPHEN and HANNAH (Lewis) CLAPP:

65. ELIZA,[6] b. Oct. 27, 1798; m. Leonard Holton in Chester, Vt. They lived in Boston and had several children.

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66. RACHEL,[6] b. April 3, 1801; m. Joel Perry, of Chester, Vt.; d. in 1827, and Mr. Perry m. her sister Hannah.
67. NANCY,[6] b. April 26, 1803; m. Alpheus Atwood, of Chester, Vt.
68. HANNAH,[6] b. Dec. 29, 1805; m. Joel Perry, of Chester, Vt.
69. MARTHA L.,[6] b. Oct. 11, 1808; m. Horace Poland, of Langdon, N. H. They lived in Boston.
70. JOSEPH L.,[6] b. Aug. 7, 1811; d. June 16, 1829, when about 18 years of age, his death cutting off all prospect of a continuation of the name in this line of the family. He was a young man of good reputation.
71. LUCY ANN,[6] b. Feb. 16, 1815; m. Eliakim Ellison, of Chester, Vt., and lived in Cambridge, Mass.

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ELIJAH[5] (*Manasseh,*[4] *Ezra,*[3] *Ezra,*[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Manasseh Clapp, was born in Middleboro', Mass., July 3, 1751. He removed to Brookfield, Mass., and married Azubah Ross, of that place, about 1776. She was born in West Brookfield, August 3, 1751.

Children of ELIJAH and AZUBAH (ROSS) CLAPP:

72. REBECCA,[6] b. March 29, 1777; never m.; d. April 6, 1874, aged 97 years and 8 days. She was an active, wide awake woman. She attended court in 1870, when 93 years of age, to defend a case in a lawsuit. She owned a good farm in New Braintree, Mass., where she lived alone for many years. She was disappointed in her affections early in life, which may have been one cause of the eccentricities which marked her character. She was economical to a fine point, and the acquisition of property seemed the ruling aim of her life. Probably in her younger days she was deprived by necessity of some of the comforts of life; and in her old age she voluntarily relinquished them all. Her property was retained to the last for unthankful heirs, who disapproved of her course, and, unknown to her, made all reasonable efforts for her comfort. In short, she was miserly, and so far mortified the flesh as to create some doubt of her being able to adapt her spiritual state so as to overcome this all-pervading trait; yet she was fond of her Bible, read it diligently, and formed singular ideas of its scope and meaning. The following was cut from a newspaper in 1874, issued but a short time before her death: "Miss Rebekah Clapp, of New Braintree, who will be ninety-seven years of age on the 29th, rode to Ware on business, Monday, which she transacted 'with as much activity and shrewdness as most young girls of twenty.'"
73. SARAH,[6] b. Sept. 18, 1779; m. Geo. Bosworth, of Petersham.
74. THIRZA,[6] b. May 19, 1781; m. Mr. Merriam, the father of the famous publisher of Webster's Dictionary, in Springfield, Mass.
+75. WILLIAM,[6] b. May 4, 1783; d. Sept. 13, 1846.
76. APOLLOS,[6] b. May 14, 1787; m. ..... Barnes, March 25, 1843, removed to Vernon, Vt., and d. without issue.
77. CEPHAS,[6] b. Oct. 1, 1788; m. ..... Spooner, and lived in Warren, Mass. He d. in 1853.

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NEHEMIAH[6] (*Nehemiah,*[5] *Joseph,*[4] *Nehemiah,*[3] *Ezra,*[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Nehemiah and Jerusha (Vose) Clapp, was born in 1790. He married Sally Millet, Sept. 4, 1814, and was living in Orange, Mass., in 1843. He was much addicted to intemperance for several years when living in Boston. His wife remained in Boston, and did not live with him after 1830.

Children of NEHEMIAH and SALLY (Millet) CLAPP:

78. SARAH,[7] b. March 16, 1815; d. Feb. 17, 1841, aged 26 years. She was a girl of good character, and a great comfort to her mother.
79. THOMAS,[7] b. April 22, 1817. He was a person of little promise, and in 1843 he served a sentence in the House of Correction, Boston.
80. CHARLES FREDERICK,[7] b. Sept. 28, 1819; d. Jan. 19, 1820, aged 4 months.
81. MARY T.,[7] b. Dec. 25, 1820; d. July 16, 1822, aged 1 year 7 mos.

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WILLIAM[6] (*Elijah,*[5] *Manasseh,*[4] *Ezra,*[3] *Ezra,*[2] *Edward*[1]), son of Elijah and Azubah (Ross) Clapp, of Brookfield, was born May 4, 1783. He married, March 17, 1808, Mercy Barnes, who died in December, 1860. He died Sept. 13, 1846.

Children of WILLIAM and MERCY (Barnes) CLAPP:

82. JOHN W.,[7] b. Dec. 11, 1808, in Paxton, Mass.; m. Harriet N. Ainsworth, of Barre, Mass.
83. THOMAS B.,[7] b. Aug. 22, 1811; d. in New York, Oct. 17, 1845, aged 34 years.
84. ELIJAH,[7] b. Oct. 3, 1814; m. Eliza Kent, and has a dau. *Ellen,*[8] b. about 1840.
85. WILLIAM,[7] b. May 11, 1817. For seven years he was engaged in school-teaching, and had at one time among his pupils Daniel H. Chamberlain, now (1875) the popular and efficient Governor of South Carolina. In 1842 he removed to Boston, and has for many years kept an extensive and popular store on Washington St. and Temple Place. He m. Dec. 19, 1858, Myra E. Hobart, of Hollis, N. H. He is a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, has long been an active and worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, and has taken thirty-two of the thirty-three degrees in that Order. He was one of the most active and liberal among the managers of the two Clapp Family Celebrations, and has taken great interest in the publication of this Memorial book.
86. SAMUEL E.,[7] b. Aug. 9, 1821; removed to New York. He m. Anna Sherman, of Brimfield, Mass., and has two sons *Harry*[8] and *Samuel.*[8]

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III.

THOMAS AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Thomas Clapp

Son of Richard Clapp, of England, and cousin of Roger and Edward, was born in Dorchester, England, in 1597. He came over to this country, probably, as already mentioned (see page 91), in the ship which arrived from Weymouth (Eng.) on the 24th of July, 1633. The probability is that Thomas and Nicholas, and their cousin Edward, came over together, and John some time afterward. The name of Thomas Clapp appears, in 1634, on the Town Records of Dorchester, where his brothers Nicholas and John settled, lived and died. After his arrival in this country, Thomas remained a few years in Dorchester, being admitted as a freeman there in 1638, and then removed to Weymouth, Mass., probably with the intention of settling there. His farm was near what has since been the residence of Hon. Christopher Webb, of that place. His eldest son, Thomas, was born there March 15, 1639, and was the Clapp who removed to Walpole (then part of Dedham), and was the ancestor of the Clapps of that place. Farmer, in his Genealogical Register, says that Thomas, senior, removed from Weymouth to Hingham, and from thence to Scituate; while Deane says he had grants of land in Hingham, but never resided there. Whether he did remove there or not, there is little doubt that it was his intention to do so when the grant of lands was made to him. If he was an inhabitant of Scituate as early as 1640, as Deane says, it is very unlikely that he ever took up his residence in Hingham, as there is evidence of his being in Weymouth the year previous. He was Deacon of the Church in Scituate in 1647, and was warmly engaged in a theological controversy respecting the form of baptism, which commenced about 1641, with the Rev. Charles Chauncey, then minister in Scituate, but afterwards President of Harvard College.* Mr. Clapp was one of the

* Rev. Mr. Chauncy came to New England in 1638. He preached in Plymouth for about three years, and would have remained longer there, but for his holding some peculiar views, in respect to the ordinances, to which the church could not subscribe. He believed that "the Lord's Supper ought to be administered in the evening, and every Lord's day; and that baptism ought to be only by dipping, or plunging the whole body under water,

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committee of three, in 1675, who sent a letter to the Second Church, informing them that a reconciliation had taken place after a controversy of 33 years. Mr. Clapp was a Deputy to the Court in 1649, and overseer of the poor in 1667, that being the first year such officers were chosen. He was a useful and enterprising man. He died April 20, 1684, greatly respected. His farm in Scituate was on the south-west of Stockbridge's mill-pond, and afterwards owned by Calvin Jenkins. Who his wife was has not been ascertained, excepting that her christian name was Abigail.

Richard Sylvester, who lived in Weymouth about 1640, held doctrines too liberal for the age in which he lived; they were supposed to be similar to those of his minister, Mr. Lenthial, whose doctrine was "that all baptized persons should be admitted to the church without further trial." This Mr. Lenthial afterward retracted before the General Court of Massachusetts; but Sylvester refusing, he was disfranchised, and therefore removed into Scituate, then in the Plymouth Colony and out of their jurisdiction. As Thomas Rawlins, Thomas Clapp, James Torrey and William Holbrook went to Scituate about the same time, Deane supposes it was on account of holding similar opinions.

Children of THOMAS and wife ABIGAIL CLAPP:

†2. THOMAS,[2] b. March 15, 1639; d. in 1691.
†3. INCREASE,[2] b. probably in May, 1640.
†4. SAMUEL.[2]
5. ELEAZER,[2] probably never married. He removed to Barnstable, being admitted an inhabitant there between 1660 and 1670. He was killed in that desperate battle with the Narragansett Indians of March 15, 1676. He fought under the command of Captain Michael Pierce, of Scituate. It was a bravely contested and sanguinary battle, and out of 70 whites and friendly Indians, 63 were killed. This fight took place in the town of Rehoboth. The whites and their company killed about three times their number of Indians.*

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whether in the case of children or adults." He remained in Scituate about thirteen years, his ministry during the whole time, as stated by Deane, being "a scene of constant agitation." In about five years after its commencement, as no terms of agreement could be decided upon, nearly half the church and society withdrew and formed another church. In 1654 he contemplated returning to England, when he received an invitation to the office of President of Harvard College, with the stipend of one hundred pounds per annum, and with the understanding that "he forbear to disseminate or publish any tenets concerning immersion in baptism, and celebration of the Lord's Supper at evening, or to expose the received doctrine therein." He agreed to this, and was inducted into office Nov. 27, 1654. He retained the office of President nearly seventeen years, till his death, Feb. 19, 1672. "Of the estimation in which he was held at Cambridge some idea may be formed from the fact that, as Cotton Mather informs us, 'when he had been above a year or two in the town, the church kept a whole day of thanksgiving to God, for the mercy which they enjoyed in his being there.'" The religious controversy, begun in Scituate under his ministry, and which resulted, as stated, in the dismemberment of the church, was continued between the two societies till the letter signed by Nicholas Baker, Thomas Clapp and John Daman, in 1675, on behalf of the First Church, signified an acceptance from the other church of a kindly offer of reconciliation.

* An anecdote is told relating to this battle, showing the artifice of a friendly Indian, given by Cotton Mather. "One who was flying and closely pressed by a hostile Indian, sought the shelter of a large rock. Thus the two were waiting in awful suspense to shoot

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6. ELIZABETH,[2] m. Deacon Thomas King of Scituate, April 20, 1669. They had nine children. Deacon King owned a farm at Stony Cove Brook, which he purchased of Nathaniel Rawlins. His first wife, Elizabeth, d. in 1698, and the next year he m. Deborah Briggs. He and his second wife both d. in 1711.
7. PRUDENCE,[2] was living and unm. when her father made his will in 1684.
8. JOHN,[2] b. Oct. 18, 1658; d. about 1671. He was a youth of extraordinary piety and promise; he d. when a little upwards of 13 years of age, and a memoir of his life was published by Rev. Mr. Witherell,* of Scituate, assisted by Rev. Mr. Baker.† The work is probably not now in existence. Urian Oakes‡ said of this John, "He was a young old man, full of grace, though not full of days." There is also an account of him in Cotton Mather's Magnalia. Probably most of the facts therein stated were taken from the above named book. Urian Oakes wrote the preface to the memoir of John Clapp.
9. ABIGAIL,[2] b. Jan. 29, 1659–60; living, unm. in 1684.

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THOMAS[2] (*Thomas*[1]), son of Thomas and wife Abigail Clapp, was born in Weymouth, Mass., March 15, 1639. He was the eldest son of Thomas Clapp, senior, who settled in Scituate the year previous. Thomas[2] removed and settled in Dedham; he lived in that portion which was afterward incorporated as Walpole, the incorporation of which took place in 1724. He was a housewright by trade, and died previous to Jan. 29, 1691, when his Will was proved. He was married to Mary Fisher, Nov. 10, 1662. The late Elisha Clapp, and Charles Clapp, of Bath, Me., had the impression (and so have it recorded) that Thomas[2] died in 1703, and was the first person buried in the Walpole burying-ground, and this appears to have been the prevailing idea in Walpole; but it was his son Thomas[3] who died in 1703–4. I have taken great pains in looking up this branch, and find that all who preceded me had omitted one family of children, those of Thomas 2d, of Dedham.

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each other. Capt. Pierce's Indian putting his cap on the end of a stick or gun, gently raised it to the view of his enemy, who immediately discharged his gun at the cap, and the next instant was shot dead by the friendly Indian."

* There is a tradition that the mother of Rev. Mr. Witherell was a daughter of John Rogers, the Smithfield martyr. Mr. Witherell was the first minister of the Second Church in Scituate, being ordained pastor there in 1645, and remained till his death in 1684, nearly thirty-nine years. During this time, he administered, according to Deane, 608 baptisms, the number being increased by the opposition to infant baptism among some of the neighboring clergy. Mr. Witherell lived to see the two churches of the town happily reconciled after their long variance.

† Minister of First Church in Scituate, and one of the signers with Thomas Clapp of the letter of reconciliation between the First and Second Churches.

‡ Urian Oakes came to New England about 1634, being then a mere child. He graduated at Harvard College in 1649, and enjoyed a high reputation as a scholar. He studied theology, and returned to England, but was recalled by the church at Cambridge in 1668, over which he was minister until 1675, when he succeeded Dr. Hoar as President of Harvard College. This office he retained until his death, July 25, 1681. He published several works, and was specially distinguished for his knowledge of the Latin language.

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WILL OF THOMAS CLAPP, OF DEDHAM.

"In the Yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty-eight in y^e^ fourth Yeare of the Reigne of our soveraigne, King James the 2^nd^, and the fourteenth day of December, I Thomas Clap Sen^r^ of Dedham in the County of Suffolk in his Majestys Terrytorys in New England, calling to mind my mortality and being put in mind of my change by weakness and infirmity atending me Do therefore now in the time of the enjoy^mt^ of my understanding and memory upon good consideration make and ordaine this to be my last will and testament for the disposing of my estate, wherein first I comit my soul into the hands of Almighty God in & through the Lord Jesus, my blessed Redeemer, & my body to the earth to be therein interred after my decease in Christian Buryall at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. Impris: I do give unto my deare and well beloved wife Mary Clap one bedd with all the furniture thereto belonging and to the value of fifty shillings in household stvff all at her choyce & one end of my Dwelling house & eight pounds p. year each year she live a widow, three pounds thereof p. year in money and the other five pounds p. year in corne and such other provisions as may be suitable for her use; & if my said Wife do marry againe then she is to have only the use or Rent of the thirds of my buildings & lands, & aforesaid bedd & moveables to return to my children after her decease, and further my mind and will is that my estate should be aprized as money & being devided into nineteen parts for quantity of pay^mt^ to be devided amongst my children as followeth: Imp^s^: I do give and bequeath to my eldest son Thomas Clap four parts of the said nineteen whereof he have received forty pounds in the house & lands I bought for him that he now live in. Item, I give and bequeath unto my other sons Joshua Clap, Eliezer Clap & Samuel Clap nine parts of the aforesaid nineteen parts to be equally divided viz^t^ each one of them three parts. Item, I give unto my three daughters Mary Abigail & Hannah, the other six parts not disposed of aforesai^d^ to be equally divided betwixt them viz^t^ to each one of them two parts. My lands are to be equally devided betwixt my sons by Overseers or supervisors as they judge most equall & what each son receive in lands more than their portions as aforesaid they are to make payment in good currant Country pay^mt^ to their sisters each child to receive their portions at one and twenty years of age, or marriage which time come first my daughters to be paid their portions in three equal payments in three years after the aforesaid time. If any of my aforesaid children dye before they attayne the aforesaid age or Marryage their portion is to be divided betwixt them of my children that survive. By the rules aforesaid each child aforesaid at their receiving their portion or any part thereof is then legally to engage to pay their just proportion in the eight pound p. yeare each yeare to their mother according to the —— as aforesaid during all the time aforesaid & if my said Wife after my decease while she continues a widow shold by sickness or weakness any way suffer so as the aforesaid eight pounds p. yeare prove not sufficient for her needful maintenance there shall be so much added as the three overseers hereafter named shall judge & determine needful for her supply to be paid by each child their due proportion answerable to their aforesaid portions on my said estate. My mind & Will is that my buildings should be aprized so that my son or sons that shall inherit them may not be to much disadvantaged in meet accommodations of lands, & paying Legacys.

I do appoint and empower my loving sons Thomas Clap & Joshua Clap

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to be my Executors of this my last Will & Testament & do request my loveing friend Samuel Barber my loveing brother John Fisher, and my loveing cousin John Plimpton, all of them of Medfield to be the supervisors & overseers whose order advice and counsell my executors must attend & in all waity matters, in all parts of my Will & division of estate to my children, their determination or the surveying of them shall be as of legal force and value at all times as if myself had done and acted the same things. To confirme all the premises I the said Thomas Clap, Sen^{r} have set to my hand & seale in the presence of us

Thomas Battell,
Joshua Fisher,
John Aldis, Jr.

Furthermore, upon good consideration I do add to the aforesaid portion of my daughter Mary ten pounds to be added to her aforesaid portion out of my said estate. This addition is before signing and sealing.

THOMAS CLAP, Sen^{r}. [Seal.]

Children of THOMAS and MARY (Fisher) CLAPP:

+10. THOMAS,[3] b. Sept. 26, 1663; d. Jan. 28, 1704, aged 40 years.
11. JOHN[3], b. Feb. 29, 1665; d. March 12, 1665.
+12. JOSHUA,[3] b. in 1667; d. in 1728.
13. MARY,[3] b. Dec. 13, 1669.
+14. ELIEZER,[3] b. Nov. 4, 1671.
15. ABIGAIL.[3]
16. HANNAH.[3]
+17. SAMUEL,[3] b. Aug. 21, 1682; d. June 13, 1772.

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INCREASE[2] (*Thomas*[1]), son of Thomas and wife Abigail Clapp, was born in 1640. Concerning his history, little is known. I am persuaded that he was the Increase that was baptized in Dorchester May 14, 1640; that was probably about the period that his father removed from Weymouth to Scituate, and the controversy concerning Mr. Lenthial, the minister of Weymouth, was probably the cause of his bringing his son to Dorchester, his former place of residence, to be baptized by Rev. Richard Mather. He removed to Barnstable, Mass., and married the widow of Nathaniel Goodspeed in October, 1675. Her maiden name was Elizabeth, daughter of John Bursley. Increase went to Barnstable about 1661–2, and bought the estate of the Rowleys. He probably removed to Rochester, Mass., the latter part of his life. I find in the Plymouth Records he was of Rochester in 1710, and bought twenty acres of land of William Griffiths, one of the original lots granted to William Clark (Lot 11).

Children of INCREASE and ELIZABETH (Bursley) CLAPP:

+18. JOHN,[3] b. Oct. 1676.
19. CHARITY,[3] b. March, 1677–8.
20. THOMAS,[3] b. Jan. 1681; d. Jan. 1683.
21. THOMAS,[3] b. Jan. 1684; bapt. March 16, 1684. Nothing known of his history.
22. BENJAMIN.[3] Nothing known of his history.

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SAMUEL[2] (*Thomas*[1]), brother of the preceding, was married June 14, 1666, to Hannah, daughter of Thomas Gill, of Hingham. His father's residence succeeded to *him;* he was a distinguished man of his time, and one of the most so of his native town, Scituate, which contained some of the most able in the Colony. He was a Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts from 1692 to 1696; also in 1699, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1714 and 1715; this was, of course, after the Massachusetts and Plymouth Colonies were united in one. Previous to this he had been a Deputy to the Government of the Plymouth Colony from 1680 to 1686; also in 1690 and 1691. He was one of the committee chosen May 27, 1686, by the town, "to draw up their grievances, and impart their apprehensions to the town" concerning the new laws that day read to them. In 1682, he was one of the commissioners to settle the boundary between Scituate and Marshfield; also to divide the line between Conihassett grant and Scituate. In many other ways he served the Town and State with great zeal and fidelity, and died at an age somewhat advanced; what year I have not been able to determine; but he must have been upwards of 70 years old when last a member of the General Court. He and John Cushing, of Scituate, addressed a "very spirited declaration" to Gov. Andros, in 1687, upon the account of his granting a warrant to Humphrey Johnson to lay out lands for his (Johnson's) use. He had a grist- and saw-mill where the Stockbridge Mills have since stood. I believe he was a Major; his wife died Feb. 27, 1722.

Children of SAMUEL and HANNAH (Gill) CLAPP:

23. SAMUEL,[3] b. May 15, 1667; probably m., but had no issue.
+24. JOSEPH,[3] b. Dec. 14, 1668.
+25. STEPHEN,[3] b. March 4, 1670; d. Dec. 11, 1756, aged 86 years.
26. HANNAH,[3] b. Jan. 15, 1673. She, or her cousin Hannah (No. 16), of Dedham, m. Hezekiah Woodworth, Dec. 23, 1697.
27. BETHIA,[3] b. in 1675; probably m. Thomas Oliver, Nov. 11, 1696.
+28. JOHN,[3] b. Sept. 31, 1677.
29. ABIGAIL,[3] b. Oct. 1, 1679; m. John Bailey, of Scituate, Feb. 14, 1700. They had eleven children.
+30. DAVID,[3] b. Nov. 1684.
31. DEBORAH,[3] b. Feb. 1686–7.
32. JANE,[3] b. Nov. 1689; m. Samuel Holbrook, Jr., of Scituate, in 1708.

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THOMAS[3] (*Thomas*[2], *Thomas*[1]), oldest son of Thomas and Mary (Fisher) Clapp, of Dedham, was born September 26, 1663, and died Januray 28, 1704. Wife Mary. He was a farmer, and lived in the house his father bought for him of Col. Byfield. That house was set

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off as a part of his share in the division of his father's estate; he also had 19 acres of land west of Spice Brook; 13 acres bounded by the east of his brother Joshua's land; 4 acres at Stop River, next north of Wrentham line; two pieces of meadow, &c. The division of his father's (Thomas[2]) estate was not made until 1703, which was the period at which his youngest son Samuel[3] (brother of Thomas[3]) reached the age of 21 years. Thomas[3] was dead before the documents relating to the division were signed; his widow was present, and his son Thomas[4] signed them. After the decease of Thomas,[3] his widow married a Mr. Jennery about 1709; until that time the children had probably been under her care; her son Thomas[4] then took charge of their property.

Children of THOMAS and wife MARY CLAPP, of Dedham:

+33. THOMAS,[4] b. about 1686; d. Feb. 18, 1741, aged 55 years.

34. MARY,[4] b. about 1689; m. Joshua Pumry (now spelled Pomeroy), Oct. 1, 1718. At the time of the destruction of Deerfield, Mass., by the Indians, about 1704, Mr. Pomeroy was an inhabitant of that place, but removed from thence to Dorchester. While he resided in Dorchester his first wife d., in 1714. According to a gravestone in the old burying-ground, Dorchester, Repent, wife to Joshua Pumry, d. July 22, 1714, aged 38 years, 5 months. Joshua Pumry m. Mary Blake, June 2, 1715 (Town Records, Dorchester), and she d. March 19, 1718, aged about 31 years (see grave-stone, Dorchester). She was dau. of Deacon John Blake, and was b. April 26, 1687.

35. DEBORAH,[4] b. in 1691.

36. MEHITABLE,[4] b. in 1694.

37. STEPHEN,[4] b. in 1700. Little is known of his history. He was living at the age of 16 years, and appointed Henry Adams, of Medfield, his guardian.

38. HANNAH.[4]

39. ELIZABETH,[4] m. Samuel Pettee, of Walpole, whose residence was also in that part of the territory of Wrentham which is now a part of Foxboro'. She d. May 28, 1776, in her 76th year. He d. Aug. 4, 1780, in his 90th year. They had several children.

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JOSHUA[3] (*Thomas,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Thomas and Mary (Fisher) Clapp, of Dedham, was born in 1667, and died in 1728. He lived in that part of Dedham incorporated as the town of Walpole in 1724, and married, first, Mary, daughter of Jonathan Boyden. She died May 18, 1718, and he married, second, December 4, 1718, Silence Wright, widow of William Wright, and daughter of John Bird, of Dorchester. She was born Feb. 14, 1690. He was a farmer, and of his father's estate he had one half the field near the river, bounded north by the land of his brother Thomas; two lots of cedar swamp meadow; six acres of land next to James Fales's; twelve acres of land north of Neponset River, some of it on the river; and two cow-rights.

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Children of JOSHUA and 1st wife MARY (Boyden) CLAPP, of Dedham and Walpole:

+40. JOSHUA,[4] b. in 1707; d. May 6, 1802, aged 95 years.
41. JOHN,[4] b. in 1709; d. Feb. 21, 1775, aged 66 years. He probably never married. Being a person unable to manage his own affairs, his brother Joshua was appointed his guardian, June 13, 1745, John then being about 32 years of age.
42. ABIGAIL,[4] m. Mr. Morse.
43. ESTHER,[4] m. Mr. Morse.
44. MARY,[4] m. Eleazer Robins, of Stoughton, an innholder. Mr. Robins was the administrator of the estate of his wife's uncle, Eliezer Clapp, in 1749. The reason Eliezer's son Stephen did not administer was probably on account of his being a seafaring man.
45. THANKFUL,[4] b. in 1716.

Children of JOSHUA and 2d wife SILENCE (Bird) CLAPP:

46. SILENCE,[4] b. in 1720.
+47. SETH,[4] b. in 1722.

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ELIEZER[3] (*Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born November 4, 1671. He was married and lived in Walpole. The old homestead fell to him, also thirty-one acres of land about it; one-fourth of the meadow at Cedar Swamp, one acre at Stop River, nine acres at Major's Plain, one-fourth of Cedar Swamp and meadow and one cow-right. At his decease, Eleazer Robins, of Stoughton, who married his niece Mary (44), administered on his estate.

Child of ELIEZER CLAPP and wife, of Walpole:

+48. STEPHEN,[4] d. in 1750.

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SAMUEL[3] (*Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in Dedham, Aug. 21, 1682. He married, first, July 13, 1709, Elizabeth Fisher; second, Bethiah, daughter of Deacon Samuel and Sarah Dean, of Taunton, who was born Jan. 7, 1697, and died Oct. 12, 1778. He had of his father's estate, the barn and six acres about it; twenty acres of land by Joseph Hartshorn's; also four acres, one cow-right, one-fourth of Cedar Swamp, six acres at Ridge Pond, one acre and one-half the meadow at Stop River. His father owned two pieces of meadow besides the one last named; one called the Swamp in Great Cedar Swamp, the other called Cedar Swamp Meadow. Samuel died June 13, 1772.

Children of SAMUEL and 2d wife, BETHIAH (Dean) CLAPP:

+49. SAMUEL,[4] b. June 6, 1710; d. in 1773.
50. DAVID,[4] b. Jan. 25, 1712.

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+51. JONATHAN,[4] b. Oct. 1, 1714.
52. ELIZABETH,[4] b. March 6, 1720.
+53. ABIEL,[4] b. Feb. 7, 1728.
+54. ELEAZER,[4] b. Feb. 1731.

Samuel[3] had in all three daughters; one m. Mr. Dean, of Brookfield; one, Mr. Field, of Mansfield; and one, Mr. Padelford, of Taunton.

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JOHN[3] (*Increase,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Increase and Elizabeth (Bursley) Clapp, was born Oct. 1676. He married and removed to Rochester, Mass.; he was there in 1710, and bought land of Samuel Prince, probably having removed there with his family about that time, with his father. He bought the next lot to his father, No. 10.

Children of JOHN CLAPP and wife, of Rochester:

55. CHARITY,[4] b. in 1701.
+56. EBENEZER,[4] b. in 1704.
57. JOHN,[4] b. in 1706; d. Oct. 13, 1722.
+58. BENJAMIN,[4] b. in 1708.
59. EARL,[4] b. in 1711.
60. ELIZABETH,[4] b. in 1714; m., June 21, 1734, Kenelm Winslow, Jr., who was b. Feb. 20, 1713, and had eleven children. They moved to Hardwick in 1749, and to Petersham in 1773.
61. MARY,[4] b. in 1716.

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JOSEPH[3] (*Samuel,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Samuel and Hannah (Gill) Clapp, of Scituate, was born Dec. 14, 1668. He married and lived, probably, on Black Pond Hill, in Scituate, where he had land. His son Deacon Joseph, and his grandson Elijah, afterwards lived in the same place.

Children of JOSEPH CLAPP and wife, of Scituate:

+62. SAMUEL,[4] b. Nov. 18, 1695.
63. MARY,[4] b. March 6, 1696–7.
64. ABIGAIL,[4] b. May 16, 1699; d. Oct. 13, 1740.
+65. JOSEPH,[4] b. July 15, 1701.
66. REBECCA,[4] b. Oct. 2, 1703.
67. ANNA,[4] b. March 1, 1705.
68. SARAH,[4] b. May 15, 1708.
+69. BENJAMIN,[4] b. April 26, 1710.
70. JOB,[4] b. Nov. 6, 1712; wife Temperance. Child:
71. *Sarah*,[5] b. June 4, 1759.
72. ELISHA,[4] b. March 9, 1714; m. 1735, Leah ..... Subsequently he settled in Little Compton, R. I. Children:
73. *Susan.*[5]
74. *Jonathan B.*[5] } These were born in Scituate:

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STEPHEN[3] (*Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born March 4, 1670. He was the most distinguished of his father's family. He was a Deacon of the church, and Lieutenant of the military. His house, which was built previously to 1687, was standing in 1842. In a survey of the road in 1686, it is called "Samuel Clap's new house." It was built on White-Oak plain, and in 1831 was owned by the fifth generation from Deacon Stephen. He was one of the committee for building the meeting-house in 1706. He was also a Representative to the General Court in 1720. Wife Temperance. President Thomas Clapp, of Yale College, was his son. He died Dec. 11, 1756, aged 86 years.

Children of Deacon STEPHEN and wife TEMPERANCE CLAPP, of Scituate:

+75. JOHN,[4] b. Oct. 14, 1697.
76. RACHEL,[4] b. May 29, 1701; m. Nov. 9, 1721, Judge George Leonard,* of Norton.
+77. THOMAS,[4] b. June 26, 1703; d. Jan. 7, 1767.
78. STEPHEN,[4] b. Oct. 4, 1706; probably never m., if so he had no issue. There was a Stephen, who m. Mrs. Mary Gorham, in Barnstable, Oct. 24, 1734, which may have been him.
+79. NATHANIEL,[4] b. Sept. 11, 1709.

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JOHN[3] (*Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), brother of Deacon Stephen, was born Sept. 31, 1677. He married his cousin, Hannah Gill, in 1702. She was a widow in 1730, and married Major Amos Turner in 1732. Major Turner's first wife was Sarah Hiland. He lived about fifty rods north of Stockbridge's Mill and mansion. John Clapp probably died previously to 1722. He lived near the residence of the late Augustus Clapp, east of the mill pond.

Children of JOHN and HANNAH (Gill) CLAPP, of Scituate:

+80. THOMAS,[4] b. Nov. 11, 1705; d. May 31, 1774.
81. JOHN,[4] b. in 1707; killed by a cart, when young.
82. A daughter,[4] m. Mr. Leonard, of Norton, a gentleman of very reputable family.

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DAVID[3] (*Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), youngest son of Samuel and Hannah (Gill) Clapp, of Scituate, was born in November, 1684. He married Deborah, daughter of Joseph Otis, who was born April 24, 1694. They lived in Scituate.

* Judge of C. C. P. and Probate; member of the Council in 1741; Chief Justice in 1746. "The Leonards," says Drake, "were a noted family, having possessed great wealth, and held various offices of honor, trust and profit."

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Children of DAVID and DEBORAH (Otis) CLAPP, of Scituate:

83. JOSHUA,[4] b. Nov. 16, 1713; d. Feb. 19, 1728, aged 14 years.
84. DEBORAH,[4] b. Sept. 2, 1714; m. in 1734, David Little, of Scituate.
85. MARY,[4] b. Oct. 13, 1719.
+86. DAVID,[4] b. March 20, 1720–21.
87. JAMES,[4] b. July 20, 1723; d. young.
88. NOAH,[4] b. Oct. 7, 1725; d. young. Deane, in his history of Scituate, says this Noah removed to Norton, but he is mistaken. The Noah who removed to Norton was one of the Walpole Clapps.
89. ABIJAH,[4] b. Sept. 25, 1727; m. ..... and probably did not settle in Scituate, as the record of the birth of his children does not appear to be there. Children:
    90. *Noah*,[5] d. a young man, not married.
    91. *Abijah*,[5] was a cooper by trade, and lived in Bridgewater many years. He left no children.
    92. *Stephen*,[5] removed to Baltimore and was married.
+93. JOSHUA,[4] b. Jan. 7, 1729; d. in 1812.
+94. GALEN,[4] b. Feb. 5, 1733; d. Feb. 23, 1776.
+95. INCREASE,[4] b. March 20, 1734.

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THOMAS[4] (*Thomas*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Thomas and wife Mary Clapp, was born in Dedham, about the year 1686. He was a blacksmith by trade, but the latter part of his life he followed farming. He lived to be older than his father or grandfather, dying at the age of about 55 years; his father died at the age of 40, and his grandfather at the age of 52. Thomas[4] being the oldest of his father's family, his father dying when he was young, and his mother again marrying, brought great responsibility upon him, and the care of the family appears to have devolved mostly upon him. He was guardian of his brother and five sisters soon after he became of age; his sisters Mary, Deborah and Mehitable, being over 14 years of age, chose him as their guardian, and he was appointed by the Judge over Stephen, Hannah and Elizabeth. He married Hannah ..... when he was a young man, and had at least nine children. He was an active and enterprising man, and accumulated a large estate for those days. He died Feb. 18, 1741, leaving property valued at £5,105 17s. 9d.

Children of THOMAS and wife HANNAH CLAPP:

96. HANNAH,[5] m. Mr. Lincoln.
97. MARY,[5] m. Mr. Lincoln.
+98. THOMAS,[5] b. in 1715; d. March, 1751, aged 36 years.
+99. JAMES.[5]
100. ABIGAIL,[5] b. April, 1724; m. Mr. Everett, previously to Jan. 5, 1745.
101. ELIZABETH,[5] b. in 1726; chose her mother for her guardian, Jan. 18, 1744.
102. SARAH,[5] b. Oct. 8, 1729.

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103. HEPZIBAH,[5] b. Dec. 9, 1731.
+104. TIMOTHY,[5] b. Dec. 24, 1733; d. in 1811.

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JOSHUA[4] (*Joshua*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Joshua and Mary (Boyden) Clapp, of Walpole, was born in 1707. He was a distinguished man, of high character. He was a military Captain, Justice of the Peace, Representative to the General Court, and for many years a Deacon of the Church in Walpole (formerly south part of Dedham). He married, first, Dec. 12, 1728, in Boston, Abigail Bullard, of Walpole, who died Aug. 12, 1782. He married, second, Deborah, the widow of Deacon Hewins; she died Nov. 18, 1797, aged 90 years. About the year 1745, he marched his company to Boston, to help defend it from the attack of the French fleet, then daily expected. He died May 6, 1802, aged 95 years.

Children of JOSHUA and ABIGAIL (Bullard) CLAPP, of Walpole:

+105. JOSHUA,[5] b. Sept. 7, 1729.
+106. EBENEZER,[5] b. Nov. 17, 1731; d. Oct. 20, 1817.
107. MARY,[5] b. Feb. 27, 1733; m. Mr. Fales, of Walpole.
+108. ELIPHALET,[5] b. March 6, 1736.
109. ABIGAIL,[5] b. Sept. 5, 1738; m. first, Benjamin Hartshorn, of Walpole; m. second, Jeremiah Smith, of Walpole.
110. ELKANAH,[5] b. Oct. 2, 1740; d. Oct. 13, 1805, aged 65 years; m. July 16, 1767, Abigail Partridge, of Franklin, Mass. He lived on a farm in Mansfield, Mass., and was Major in the militia. Children:
111. *Otis*,[6] b. Feb. 11, 1769; m. in 1804, Nancy Bowen, of Rehoboth, Mass., and settled in the northern part of Vermont. No issue in 1817.
112. *Elizabeth*,[6] b. June 27, 1771; d. Sept. 20, 1810; m. Elkanah Clapp (No 213), a distant connection and brother to Asa Clapp, of Portland, Me. They resided in Portland, and had three daughters.
113. *Abigail P.*,[6] b. May 23, 1774; d. March 15, 1803; m. in May, 1802, Rev. Otis Lane, of Sturbridge.
114. *Ebenezer*,[6] b. Jan. 21, 1779; d. Jan. 1856; was a respectable man, and a lawyer of considerable distinction in Bath, Me.; was for several years one of the trustees of Bowdoin College, of Brunswick, Me. He m. June 21, 1812, Sarah, dau. of Dr. Isaac Winslow, of Marshfield, Mass., and granddaughter of John Winslow, a Colonel in the expedition to Nova Scotia in 1755, being the military agent in the removal of the Acadians in that year, also commander of Fort William Henry in Lake Erie, in 1756. She died Jan. 31, 1854, a. 78 years.
115. *Mary*,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1788; m. March 6, 1815, Richard King Porter, of Portland, Me. He was a ship-master, and nephew of Hon. Rufus King. They had four children.
116. OLIVER,[5] b. Jan. 13, 1743; was a captain; settled in Walpole. He m. first, Susannah Gay; second, Susannah, dau. of Thomas Clapp, of Walpole. Children by second wife:

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117. *Oliver*,[6] b. Oct. 13, 1764; d. in infancy.
118. *Oliver*,[6] b. Oct. 29, 1767.
119. *Susannah*,[6] b. May 5, 1773.
120. *Sally*,[6] b. July 24, 1775; m. Dr. Messenger, of Walpole, but had no children. After the death of Dr. Messenger, she m. John H. Hawes, of Walpole. She was living in 1843, and a very intelligent woman.
121. *Warren*,[6] b. May 29, 1784; d. Oct. 1, 1860. He m. Harriet Bates, of Mansfield, and lived in Walpole. Had one child, *Louisa*,[7] who d. young. He was a captain, and a substantial, old-fashioned farmer. Mrs. Clapp d. March 21, 1870, aged 80 years, 11 months.
122. ESTHER,[5] b. March 23, 1746; m. Swift Payson, of Foxboro', son of Rev. Phillips Payson, of Walpole.

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SETH[4] (*Joshua*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Joshua and Silence (Wright, née Bird) Clapp, was born in 1722, and lived in Walpole. He married, first, Mary Bullard, of Sharon; second, widow Elizabeth Wetherbee (née Everett), who survived him and died in Boston, Sept. 14, 1810.

Children of SETH and 1st wife MARY (Bullard) CLAPP, of Walpole:

123. MARY,[5] b. Jan. 28, 1745; m. Mr. Everett and moved to the eastward.
124. SETH,[5] b. Dec. 17, 1747; m. Hannah Blake, of Walpole, and settled in Holden, where he was Deacon of the church. He had twelve children. His sons were:
    125. *Jeremiah*,[6] b. Oct. 1, 1775; removed to Barre, Vermont.
    126. *Seth*,[6] b. in Holden, Mass., Jan. 26, 1790; d. in Paxton, Mass., Nov. 2, 1861. He m. Nov. 27, 1811, Betsy K., dau. of Jesse and Mary K. Knowlton, and lived in Holden. Children: **i.** *Walter G.*,[7] b. Dec. 27, 1812. **ii.** *Maynard Blake*,[7] b. July 12, 1818. **iii.** *W. Warren*,[7] b. April 8, 1825; m. April 19, 1849, Charlotte Barrows, and lives in Worcester; has two daughters: (1) *Lucy M.*,[8] b. Aug. 20, 1851; (2) *Maria*,[8] b. Sept. 14, 1855. **iv.** *Hiram Blake*,[7] b. Dec. 22, 1831.
    127. *David*,[6] b. in 1792; living on the farm of his father in 1843.
    128. *Oliver*,[6] b. Jan. 17, 1797; m. Rebecca L. Pierce, a descendant of Capt. Michael Pierce, killed in the Narragansett fight.
129. JOSHUA,[5] b. April 16, 1750.
130. KEZIAH,[5] b. May 12, 1752; m. Mr. Partridge, of Holden.
131. SILENCE,[5] b. May 5, 1755; m. David Braman, of Norton, in 1774 (published Nov. 8), and removed to Boston.
132. WILLIAM,[5] b. Sept. 17, 1757; removed to Foxboro' and m. ..... Rhoades. Children:
    133. *Polly*.[6] There was a Miss Polly Clapp who d. May 4, 1833, in the 56th year of her age, and was buried in Norton.
    134. *William*,[6] unmarried.
    135. *Lucy*,[6] m. Dea. James Boyden.
    136. *James*.[6]

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137. *Sena*,[6] m. Jesse Barden, of Walpole.
138. *Mehitable*,[6] m. Irenus Pettee, of Foxboro'.
139. Rufus,[5] b. Dec. 23, 1759; m. Sybil Hodges, of Norton, and removed to Moreton, Vt. He was a farmer, and left five children:
140. *Rufus*.[6]
141. *Ezekiel*.[6]
142. *Leonard*.[6]
143. *Betsey*.[6]
144. *Sybil*.[6]
145. Elijah,[5] m. Rebecca Pettee, and lived in Holden; d. about 1826. He had no children.
146. Thankful,[5] d. young.
147. Ezekiel,[5] was a daring youth. He joined the army of the Revolution when he was but 16 years of age, without the consent of his parents, and d. soon after in the service.
148. Elizabeth,[5] b. Nov. 13, 1764; m. Jeremiah Blake, of Walpole.

Children of Seth and 2d wife Elizabeth (Everett) Clapp, of Walpole:

149. Levi,[5] b. Nov. 19, 1769; d. Dec. 15, 1851, aged 82 years. He m. first, April 15, 1794, Elizabeth Wallace who d. Nov. 1, 1803; second, Nov. 25, 1804, Lucy Hartshorn who d. June 24, 1817; third, Dec. 3, 1818, Cynthia Kingsbury. Children by first wife:
150. *Eliza*,[6] b. April 8, 1795; m. Willard Bacon, of Walpole, and had three children; d. February, 1874.
151. *Simeon*,[6] b. Dec. 25, 1796; m. first, Eliza Hartshorn, and had one child—*Helen Eliza*,[7] b. April 2, 1822; d. Oct. 16, 1828—m. second, in 1824, Hannah, dau. of Aaron Ellis. This happy pair celebrated their Golden Wedding on Christmas, 1874. Children: **i.** *Mary Ellis*,[7] b. Oct. 22, 1824; m. first, William Bullard; second, Charles Hartshorn. They are living in Walpole. **ii.** *Ann Maria*,[7] b. June 2, 1826; m. Edmund C. Hawes; they live in Woonsocket, R. I. **iii.** *Elizabeth Jane*,[7] b. Oct. 12, 1827; m. Newell Hartshorn. **iv.** *Aaron Ellis*,[7] b. Feb. 4, 1829; m. Eliza Hoxie and has a son. **v.** *John*,[7] b. Sept. 30, 1831; d. Jan. 27, 1832. **vi.** *Catharine Ellis*,[7] b. May 20, 1835; m. Henry H. Leland; live in Walpole. **vii.** *John*,[7] m. Sarah Bullard, who d. Sept. 28, 1872; has a son, *Arthur*,[8] b. Oct. 4, 1860. **viii.** *Helen Eliza*,[7] b. June 23, 1837. **ix.** *Harriet Emma*,[7] b. Dec. 10, 1839; m. Geo. W. Tisdale; they live in Brighton, Mass.
152. *Samuel*,[6] b. May 20, 1798; d. Dec. 9, 1814, aged 16 years.
153. *Darius*,[6] b. Dec. 26, 1799; d. in 1838. He m. Catharine B. Motley, of Boston, Dec. 6, 1821. He d. at Key West, about 1830.
154. *Deborah*,[6] b. March 29, 1801; d. at her father's house, of consumption, Dec. 26, 1840, unmarried.
155. *Nathaniel*,[6] b. Sept. 14, 1802; a trader in Dedham; m. Oct. 7, 1830, his cousin, Elizabeth D., dau. of Jesse Clapp. Children: **i.** *Samuel Wallace*,[7] b. Feb. 18, 1832; m. Alice S. Lyon, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1866, and live in Sparta, Wis. Children: (1) *Alice Elizabeth*,[8] b. April 26, 1867; (2) *Grace Seymour*,[8] b. April 9, 1872. **ii.** *Henry Francis*,[7] b. Feb. 5, 1834; d. Jan. 2, 1862. **iii.** *John Doggett*,[7] b. Jan. 30, 1835; d. Oct. 4, 1836. **iv.** *John Doggett*,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1836; d. Jan.

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21, 1843. **v.** *Mary Ann*,[7] b. Aug. 24, 1838; d. April 2, 1839. **vi.** *Jane Doggett*,[7] b. May 28, 1840; d. Jan. 4, 1841. **vii.** *Elizabeth Doggett*,[7] b. Nov. 15, 1841; m. March 31, 1869, Freeman Fisher; they live in West Dedham and have four children: Miriam Burgess, b. Oct. 15, 1870; Kate Phillips, b. Nov. 27, 1871; Nathaniel Clapp, b. Nov. 4, 1873; and Henry Freeman, b. June 14, 1875. **viii.** *Charles Warren*,[7] b. May 29, 1844. **ix.** *Eleanor Trott*,[7] b. March 1, 1846; m. Nov. 15, 1866, Ferdinand C. Field; live in Dedham and have two children: Eleanor Louise, b. Aug. 20, 1868; Edwin Henry, b. Dec. 10, 1871. **x.** *Mary Badlam*,[7] b. March 12, 1848; d. in 1872. **xi.** *Frederic Everett*,[7] b. Oct. 22, 1851. **xii.** *Jane Doggett*,[7] b. June 8, 1854; d. Oct. 22, 1873.

156. *A son*,[6] b. Aug. 14, 1803; d. in infancy.

157. JESSE,[5] b. Jan. 5, 1772; d. Jan. 19, 1823, aged 51 years. He m. Dec. 15, 1796, Betsey [daughter of Capt. Samuel* and Elizabeth (Badlam) Doggett, of Dedham], who d. Dec. 20, 1850. Elizabeth Badlam (mother of Betsey the wife of Jesse) was dau. of Stephen and Hannah (Clapp) Badlam (see No. 30 of EDWARD, page 100). Jesse and wife lived in Dedham. Children:

158. *Mary*,[6] b. Oct. 31, 1798; d. Oct. 3, 1800.

159. *Elizabeth Doggett*,[6] b. July 24, 1801; d. June 24, 1810.

160. *John Doggett*,[6] b. Aug. 25, 1803; unm.; lived in Dedham.

161. *Mary Ann*,[6] b. Feb. 20, 1806; d. July 15, 1816. After her death, the well-known little tract of 36 pages, concerning her religious character and godly sayings, written by Rev. Joshua Bates, D.D., at that time pastor of the Congregational Church in Dedham, was published, entitled "Happy Death of Mary Ann Clap." It comprises an interesting narrative of the conversations held by the author with this remarkable child, together with a letter from Rev. Dr. Abiel Holmes, of Cambridge, containing a description of his own interview with her during her sickness. This little work was afterwards reproduced by the American Tract Society, by whom many editions have been issued, and probably few narratives of the kind have been more extensively read.

162. *Eleanor*,[6] b. Nov. 11, 1809; m. Joseph F. Trott, of Boston; they live in So. Boston, and have five children.

163. *Elizabeth Doggett*,[6] b. July 2, 1811; m. Oct. 7, 1830, her cousin, Nathaniel Clapp (No. 155), of Dedham. She has furnished much valuable information for these annals.

164. BENJAMIN,[5] b. in Walpole, Sept. 5, 1774; m. and removed to Moreton, Vt. He d. March, 1853, in Sharon, Vt. Children:

165. *A son*,[6] who d. young.

166. *Sybil*,[6] married.

167. *Pamelia*,[6] married.

168. *A daughter*,[6] d. young.

169. *A daughter*,[6] d. young.

170. ZEBULON,[5] b. in Walpole July 28, 1775; m. Aug. 26, 1807, widow Nancy Conant (née Motley), of Boston, who was b. July 8,

* Capt. Samuel Doggett was in some of the severe campaigns of the Revolutionary War. His commission as Captain is now in the possession of his granddaughter, Elizabeth D. Clapp (No. 163).

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1781, and d. June 17, 1844. He was a trader in Boston; was an officer in the Methodist Church, and a man of exemplary life and character. He lived, and owned a house, in Elm Street. He d. in Boston, April 18, 1813. Children:

171. *George Pickering,*[6] b. Dec. 2, 1808; d. Aug. 4, 1872. He m. June 3, 1833, Mary A. Hawks, of Boston, who was b. Jan. 14, 1812. He was a tailor by trade, and was for many years engaged in business in Boston. He was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature in the years 1854, '55, '58, '63, '64 and '65, from Ward Six, and a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., being a member of the Boston Lodge since 1843, of which he was treasurer in 1845, and from 1861 to the time of his death. He was also treasurer of the Tri-Mountain Encampment for many years; a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge of the Masonic fraternity from 1861, and of Webster Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he was treasurer and trustee. In 1863 he was a member of the Common Council from Ward Six. Mr. Clapp was a member of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church, in Bromfield Street, for forty years. His widow is now living in Boston. Children: **i.** *Mary Motley,*[7] b. March 12, 1834; m. Sept. 15, 1864, George Pierce, of Stanstead, P. Q., who d. Dec. 12, 1864; she lives in Boston. **ii.** *George Munroe,*[7] b. July 29, 1838; m. June 17, 1865, Mrs. Maggie Snow, of Milwaukie, Wis.; he d. Feb. 27, 1870. **iii.** *Abba Louise,*[7] b. Nov. 4, 1844; lives in Boston. **iv.** *James Liswell Hawks,*[7] b. Jan. 1, 1848; lives in Boston.

172. *Zebulon,*[6] a cabinet-maker by trade, and lived in Lowell, Mass.; m. in 1832, Betsey Lovering, of New Chester, N. H. He d. Feb. 2, 1873. Children: **i.** *Nancy Stevens,*[7] b. in 1835; d. August, 1873. **ii.** *Henrietta,*[7] b. in 1837. **iii.** *Catharine,*[7] b. in 1840. **iv.** *Richard,*[7] b. in 1842.

173. *Seth Everett,*[6] b. Nov. 5, 1812; d. Aug. 26, 1853. He was a tailor by trade, lived in Boston, and m. May 28, 1838, Emily Duval, of New York, who d. in 1859, aged 42 years. Children: **i.** *Mary Ann,*[7] b. Feb. 25, 1839; m. July 1, 1861, John A. Betcher; she d. May, 1870, leaving two daughters —Charlotte Elizabeth, and Emily Duval who d. in 1871. **ii.** *William Everett,*[7] b. May 13, 1840; m. May 30, 1861, Mary A. Buffum, and has two children living in Boston. **iii.** *Seth Edward,*[7] b. Jan. 20, 1842; m. Aug. 4, 1862, Lois A. Cross, and has one daughter, *Lois L.*[8] **iv.** *George W.,*[7] b. Nov. 30, 1852; lives in Webster city, Iowa.

174. Sybil,[5] b. in Walpole, March 19, 1778; d. at the house of her brother Lewis, May 17, 1853. She m. first, William Bacon, of Boston, and had seven sons; m. second, Jonathan Wild, M.D., of Walpole. She survived them both. She is described as "a mild and placid woman."

175. Supply,[5] b. July 15, 1784; d. Aug. 5, 1866. He lived in Dedham, and was a carpenter by trade. He m. Priscilla Mills, of Newton. Children:

176. *Elizabeth,*[6] b. Nov. 25, 1820; m. Augustus Smith, of Natick.

177. *Edward,*[6] b. March 12, 1823; removed to the west and married.

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178. *Ann*,[6] b. March 16, 1825; m. Wm. Smith, brother of Augustus.
179. *Ellen*,[6] b. April 2, 1827; d. at the age of 16 years.
180. *George H.*,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1829; moved to California and mar.; is now a physician in San Francisco.
181. *Louisa J.*,[6] b. June 23, 1831; m. William Fisher; they live in Natick.
182. *Martha A.*,[6] b. March 14, 1833; m. Samuel Pierce, and has two sons; they live in Everett.

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STEPHEN (*Eliezer*,[5] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Eliezer Clapp, of Walpole, died in 1750. He was a mariner and master of a vessel; this is perhaps the reason that he, being the only son, did not administer on his father's estate. The name of his first wife was Hannah; that of his second, Mary. His will, which follows, was made in 1744, perhaps when he was about embarking for sea.

WILL OF STEPHEN CLAPP.

In the name of God, Amen. · I Stephen Clap of Boston in the County of Suffolk, mariner, taking into consideration my own mortality Do think fit to constitute & ordain this my last Will and Testament. Imprimis: I Will that my body at my decease be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix. Item, I give and devise all my estate whether real, personal or mixt to my beloved Wife Mary Clap, her heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns forever, & Do hereby appoint her my sole executrix of all and singular my rights and chattels. In witness whereof I hereto have set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of December, A.D. 1744.

Signed, Sealed, Declared, Published and pronounced
in Presence of John Richardson, John Gardner,
Benjamin Gorham.

STEPHEN CLAP [and a Seal].

The above will was proved November 29, 1750. He left a good estate, appraised at £8000 of the currency of those days. He owned (and lived in) a brick house situated in Milk Street, Boston. In 1746, he lived in Atkinson Street (now Congress Street), Boston.

Children of STEPHEN and 1st wife HANNAH CLAPP:

183. JOSEPH,[5] b. Oct. 26, 1728.
184. MEHITABLE,[5] b. Sept. 30, 1730.
185. NATHAN,[5] b. Jan. 11, 1731.
186. JERUSHA,[5] b. Dec. 9, 1733.
187. HANNAH,[5] b. Nov. 23, 1735.
188. STEPHEN,[5] b. May 25, 1738.
189. MARY,[5] b. Nov. 15, 1739.
190. ELEAZER,[5] m. Jerusha Tilden, who was quite young at the time

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of her marriage, and lived until 1835. He d. in 1805, of rapid consumption. Children:

191. *David*,[6] b. March 16, 1781; m. Betsey, dau. of Dr. Winslow, of Foxboro', and lived in Walpole. Children: I. *Eliza W.*[7] II. *George R.*[7]
192. *Hannah*,[6] b. Dec. 17, 1783; m. Mr. Clark, of Franklin, and had a family.
193. *Jason*,[6] b. Jan. 1, 1785; m. Polly Wilbur, who d. March, 1870, and had one child, *Mary W.*,[7] b. about 1814, and m. Geo. B. Hyde, formerly a school teacher in Dorchester, afterwards in Roxbury, and now in the Everett School, Boston.
194. *Nathan*,[6] b. Dec. 22, 1787; d. July 4, 1816, aged about 29 years.
195. *Polly*,[6] b. Feb. 2, 1790; d. when about 17 years of age.
196. *Nabby*,[6] b. Aug. 24, 1792; m. Oliver Smith, formerly of Pelham, afterwards of Leicester.
197. *Otis*,[6] b. March 24, 1795; unm.; d. when about 37 years of age.
198. *Lucy*,[6] m. Oliver Smith, the husband of her sister Nabby, deceased.
199. *Sally*,[6] unmarried.

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SAMUEL[4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Samuel and Bethiah (Dean) Clapp, was born June 6, 1710; lived in Norton. He had two wives, one of whom was Mary, who died Nov. 12, 1754. A Samuel Clapp, of Norton, was Representative to the General Court in 1733, and on the Board of Selectmen in 1732, '33, '34 and '35.

Children of SAMUEL and 1st wife MARY CLAPP, of Norton:

200. SARAH,[5] b. Aug. 31, 1736; d. Dec. 18, 1736.
201. MARY,[5] b. May 27, 1738; m. Israel Trow.
202. ELIZABETH,[5] b. July 1, 1741; m. Mr. Copeland.
203. HANNAH,[5] b. Aug. 22, 1743; d. Sept. 29, 1756.
†204. SAMUEL,[5] b. Aug. 16, 1745; d. July 28, 1773, aged 28 years.
†205. NOAH,[5] b. about 1747; d. Nov. 10, 1820, aged 73 years.
206. JOHN,[5] m. Polly Makepeace, and removed to Amherst, and from thence to Charlestown, Mass. Children:
    207. *John*,[6] m. and settled in Amherst; one son, *John*,[7] m. and had children.
    208. *Daniel*,[6] settled in Amherst.

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JONATHAN[4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Samuel and Bethiah (Dean) Clapp, was born Oct. 1, 1714. He married ..... Hewes, of Wrentham, and settled in Norton. He probably built the house in which his son David resided and reared his large family, and which is now standing, with but slight alteration from its original plan. Previous to the erection of this house, there was another to the east, nearly in the centre of the farm, located there,

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undoubtedly, before the town highways had been laid out. Whether Jonathan built and lived in this latter-named domicil, cannot now be well ascertained. Nor can it be stated at what date the newer house was built, but probably in the earlier part of the last century. The house is two stories high, is painted red, and stands thirty or forty feet back from the old road leading from Norton to Easton, very near the boundary line between the two towns; in fact, there was at one time a question in which town the house stood. The house was rather large, had a yard fenced off in front, and undoubtedly was quite pretentious for the date of its origin. On the farm of Jonathan, herein spoken of, when in the possession of his gr. son George, about thirty-five years since, a "strike" was made for coal. What was discovered was *very poor*, but a very fair impression of a *fern leaf* (about 8 inches by 12) on the surface of a rock was brought to light. Prof. John W. Webster, of Cambridge, Mass., saw this and was anxious to procure it, but did not succeed. Near by the first house on this place, a tribe or collection of Indians resided. Mr. Jonathan Clapp must have lived till 80, and perhaps upwards; for his granddaughter, Betsey, born in 1781, was old enough to shave him before he died.

Children of JONATHAN and ..... (Hewes) CLAPP:

+209. DAVID,[5] b. Aug. 30, 1744; d. Sept. 5, 1823, aged 79.

210. A SON,[5] d. young.

If what Mrs. Betsey (Clapp) Lothrop, his gr. dau., says is recollected rightly, Jonathan[4] must have had a daughter—she stating that she "rode with her father through Worcester to a town (Brookfield?) in the western part of the State to see a sister of his, who had married a man by the name of Dean."

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ABIEL[4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), fourth son of Samuel and Bethiah (Dean) Clapp was born Feb. 7, 1728. He was a farmer, lived in Mansfield, Mass., and was a prominent and much respected man in the town. He was a soldier in Major Zephaniah Leonard's troop of horse, and was out in the service in 1749. Later in life, he held the office of Justice of the Peace, and was Captain of the military company of the town. His death was occasioned by his being accidentally shot while on parade. He married twice, his second wife being the daughter of Dr. Caswell, of Norton.

Children of ABIEL CLAPP, of Mansfield.

211. ABIJAH,[5] never married.

+212. ASA,[5] b. March 15, 1762; d. April 17, 1848, in his 86th year.

213. ELKANAH,[5] b. in 1766; resided in Portland, Me., the latter part of his life, and was engaged in mercantile business. He m. Oct. 28, 1792, Elizabeth (No. 112), daughter of Elkanah Clapp,

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of Mansfield. Elkanah, the subject of this notice, died in Portland, Oct. 5, 1810; his wife Elizabeth d. fifteen days previously, viz., Sept. 20, 1810, aged 39 years. Children:

214. *Elizabeth Holmes,*[6] m. first, June 2, 1816, John Blagge, son of Samuel Blagge, Esq., of Boston, who settled as a merchant in Baltimore; she m. second, G. W. Cooley, Esq., of Boston. She had two children by her first and one by her second husband.
215. *Abigail Dean,*[6] m. Simon Bradstreet, of Gardiner, Me.; in 1843 was a widow, living in Portland, Me., with two sons.
216. *Almira,*[6] m. Henry Putnam, of Dixmont, Me., and had seven children.
217. Samuel,[5] unmarried.
218. Simeon,[5] m. and removed to the State of New York, where he kept school more than 30 years; buried his wife and child and returned to Mansfield; d. in 1853.
219. Bathsheba,[5] m. Eleazer Perry, of Medfield, and had three children. She once lived in the family of Hon. Ebenezer Seaver, of Roxbury.
220. Susan,[5] m. Mr. Randall. They had two children. She d. in Mansfield. A son lives in Portland, Me.

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ELEAZER[4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), youngest son of Samuel and Bethiah (Dean) Clapp, was born in February, 1731, and lived in Norton, but removed from thence to Uxbridge, Mass. He was a man of some distinction, and represented Norton and Mansfield in the first Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, which convened at Salem, Friday, Oct. 1, 1774. He also served on the board of Selectmen for the years 1775, '76 and '77. He married widow Sylvia Gushee, daughter of Josiah Fobes, of Bridgewater.

Children of Eleazer and Sylvia (Fobes) Clapp, of Uxbridge:

221. Abiel,[5] b. April 16, 1785; unmarried; was living in West Newfield, Me., in 1873.
222. Fobes,[5] b. April 6, 1787, in Norton; d. Nov. 8, 1836. He m. Frances McClench, of Boston, July 16, 1812. Children:
    223. *Silvia Ann,*[6] b. in Boston, April 29, 1813; m. Timothy P. Benson, attorney at law, of New York.
    224. *Frances Cordelia,*[6] b. Dec. 23, 1816; m. Wm. R. Gavett, of Salem.
    225. *Maria Louisa,*[6] b. July 3, 1819; m. John W. Southack, furniture dealer in New York city.

    They are all living (1874).
226. Eleazer,[5] d. young, probably.
227. Benjamin,[5] b. in Norton, Oct. 31, 1789; d. Sept. 19, 1872. He was fitting for College, but his father dying when he was about 12 years of age, prevented his pursuing his studies. He was a genius, and was the first person who put up machinery in the city of Lowell. The latter part of his life, he lived at Wappingus Falls, N. Y., brought his sons up at College, and left a large

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property at his decease. He m. in New York city, Nov. 1821, Ruth Houghton, who was b. in Milton, Mass., Dec. 12, 1794. Children:

228. *George Houghton*,[6] b. in Milton, Mass., Sept. 9, 1822; m. Sept. 9, 1846, Annie Beckwith, of Duchess Co., N. Y. They live in Philadelphia. Children: i. *Emma B.*,[7] b. in New York city, April 29, 1849. ii. *Edward H.*,[7] b. at Wappingus Falls, June 13, 1854.
229. *Jason Fobes*,[6] b. in New York city, Sept. 16, 1825; m. Dec. 20, 1849, Elizabeth M. Houghton, and lives in New York. He was at the Clapp gathering, June 18–19, 1873. Chil.: i. *Ruthella H.*,[7] b. July 27, 1852. ii. *Arthur*,[7] b. May 11, 1857. iii. *Jason H.*,[8] b. Jan. 3, 1861. All b. in N. York city.
230. *Warren B.*,[6] b. Sept. 13, 1827; d. Sept. 27, 1865. He m. Elizabeth Ayre, June, 1860, and lived in Washington, D. C. Children: i. *George H.*,[7] b. in Dover, N. H., March 16, 1861. ii. *Warren A.*,[7] b. at Wappingus Falls, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1865.
231. *Clinton Wilde*,[6] b. May 28, 1832; m. May 24, 1854, Catharine Simons, who d. Jan. 1871. They lived at Wappingus Falls, N. Y. Children: i. *Benjamin F.*[7] ii. *George M.*[7] iii. *Warren H.*[7] iv. *Charles L.*[7] v. *Walter.*[7] vi. *Jason E.*[7]

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EBENEZER[4] (*John*,[3] *Increase*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of John Clapp, of Rochester, Mass., was born in 1704. He married March 9, 1727, Mary, daughter of Kenelm Winslow,* of Harwich, who was born about 1707.

Children of EBENEZER and MARY (Winslow) CLAPP, of Rochester:

232. DORCAS,[5] b. in 1730; m. in 1748, John, the son of Kenelm and Zeruiah (Rider) Winslow, who was b. June 16, 1728.
233. BETHIAH,[5] b. in 1732; d. in 1831, aged 99 years, 9 mos. She was a woman of marked energy and spirit, and m. Lemuel Church.
+234. EBENEZER,[5] b. in 1734; d. in 1770.
235. MARY,[5] b. in 1737.
236. JOHN,[5] b. in 1739; d. in 1791. He m. in 1765, Ruth Haskell, sister of Kenelm's wife. Children:
    237. *John*,[6] d. young.
    238. *Samuel Sprague*,[6] b. in 1788; d. in 1853, unmarried.
    239. *Betsey*,[6] m. Calvin Mitchel.
    240. *Polly*,[6] unmarried.
    241. *Lucy*.[6]
    242. *Mary*,[6] m. Stephen Nye.
    243. *Dorcas*,[6] m. Stephen Nye.

* Mr. William S. Appleton, of Boston, himself a descendant of the first John Winslow in this country, saw at the Registry of Probate of Worcester, England, in 1862, the will of "Kenelme Winslowe," of the parish of St. Andrews, Worcester, proved Nov. 9, 1607. Kenelm was a yeoman, was then aged, as he speaks of his children and grandchildren, and he appoints his wife Katherine sole executrix of his will. The New England Winslows emigrated from Droitwich, about 8 miles from Worcester; and it is probable, as is remarked by John H. Sheppard in his Genealogy of the Winslow Family, that this Kenelm was a relative, and possibly grandfather, of Edward, the May-Flower Pilgrim and first Governor of Plymouth Colony, and his brothers.

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244. *Ruth*,[6] m. Thomas Ruggles.
245. *Eunice*,[6] m. Mr. Bayley.
+246. EARL,[5] b. April 21, 1741.
247. KENELM,[5] b. in 1743; m. Delia Haskell. Children:
248. *Sylvia*,[6] b. in 1770; m. Dr. Samuel Perry.
249. *Ebenezer*,[6] b. in 1772; d. in Natchez, Miss., and it is supposed left a family.
250. *Dilley* (or Delia),[6] b. in 1774; m. first, Rev. Mr. Graves; second, Rev. Holland Weeks.
251. *Azubah*,[6] b. in 1777; m. Benjamin Ruggles, and lived in Newport, R. I.

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BENJAMIN[4] (*John*,[3] *Increase*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of John Clapp, of Rochester, and brother of the preceding, was born in 1708. In 1732, he bought the place where he lived of his father John, and probably married at that time.

Children of BENJAMIN CLAPP, of Rochester:

252. ELIZABETH,[5] b. in 1733.
253. CATHARINE,[5] b. in 1736.
254. ICHABOD,[5] b. in 1739. Children:
255. *Benjamin*,[6] b. in 1762.
256. *John*,[6] b. in 1765.
257. *Paul*,[6] b. in 1767.
258. *George*,[6] b. in 1769.
259. *Hannah*,[6] b. in 1771.
560. *Elizabeth*,[6] b. in 1774.
261. *Catharine*,[6] b. in 1776.
262. *Ichabod*,[6] b. in 1779.
263. *Charity*,[6] b. in 1781.
+264. INCREASE,[5] b. Feb. 27, 1740; d. May 24, 1801.
265. ELIZABETH,[5] b. in 1742.
266. CHARITY,[5] b. in 1744.
267. GEORGE,[5] b. in 1749.
268. LYDIA,[5] b. in 1756.

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SAMUEL[4] (*Joseph*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Joseph Clapp, of Scituate, was born Nov. 18, 1695, and lived in Scituate. He married Sarah Curtis, Jan. 7, 1725.

Children of SAMUEL and SARAH (Curtis) CLAPP, of Scituate:

+269. MICHAEL,[5] b. Nov. 27, 1726.
270. SARAH,[5] b. Nov. 15, 1729.
271. MARY,[5] b. Oct. 8, 1731. One of these daughters m. a Mr. Randall.
+272. WILLIAM,[5] b. Dec. 3, 1733.
273. SAMUEL,[5] b. Dec. 25, 1739; d. Feb. 2, 1817. He m. Chil.:
274. *Samuel*,[6] lived in Marshfield; unm., and was peculiar in his dis-

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position and habits. He d. February, 1858, in the 89th year of his age.

275. *Jerahmeel.*[6]

276. *Albert,*[6] b. Feb. 16, 1791; lived in Scituate, and m. April 4, 1813, Priscilla Reed, who d. Oct. 25, 1837, aged 45 years. Children: **i.** *Alice,*[7] b. Sept. 29, 1814; m. Alanson Gray, of Lowell. **ii.** *Albert T.,*[7] b. Sept. 4, 1824; m. Susanna Smith, of Carlisle, Eng., and lived in Braintree. **iii.** *Joseph,*[7] b. Sept. 4, 1827; m. first, in 1849, Almira Shaw, of Weymouth, and had one child, *Albert F.,*[8] b. Jan. 13, 1850; m. second, Lucinda Shaw, his first wife's sister.

277. *Temperance,*[6] lived in Marshfield, unmarried.

278. *Sarah,*[6] m. Mr. Lewis, of Marshfield.

279. *Hepza,*[6] m. Joseph Collyer, of Roxbury.

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JOSEPH[4] (*Joseph,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born July 15, 1701. He was a Deacon of the church. He married first, in 1732, Hannah, daughter of Joseph Briggs, of Scituate. Joseph Briggs's father and two brothers were officers in King Philip's War. He married, second, Sarah Perkins.

Children of Deacon JOSEPH and HANNAH (Briggs) CLAPP, of Scituate:

280. HANNAH,[5] b. Nov. 8, 1733; d. young.

+281. JOSEPH,[5] b. Feb. 21, 1734–5.

282. RUTH,[5] b. April 14, 1738.

283. BETTY,[5] b. Oct. 13, 1740.

284. HANNAH,[5] b. Sept. 19, 1748; m. Timothy Foster.

285. ELIJAH,[5] b. Feb. 16, 1757; d. Dec. 19, 1833, aged 77 years. He m. Oct. 8, 1778, Martha, dau. of Abiel Turner. She is a lineal descendant of the puritan Rev. John Robinson. Children:

286. *Perkins,*[5] b. Oct. 3, 1779; d. Dec. 21, 1811. He m. Dec. 17, 1802, Rachel Kent. Children: **i.** *Joseph,*[7] b. Oct. 5, 1804; m. Jan. 13, 1828, Lucy, dau. of Allan Clapp, and live in Scituate. They have two daughters, *Lucy F.,*[8] b. March 30, 1829, d. Sept. 21, 1861, and *Ellen M.,*[8] b. March 6, 1832; m. July 2, 1854, John F. Otis. **ii.** *Rachel,*[7] b. Feb. 17, 1807; m. Dec. 21, 1827, Seth Gardner; d. July 8, 1870. **iii.** *Perkins,*[7] b. Feb. 11, 1809, lost at sea about Aug. 1830. **iv.** *Thomas,*[7] b. April 22, 1812; m. April 8, 1838, Ursula C. Drake, of Pembroke. Chil.: (1) *Perkins,*[8] dead; (2) *Francis,*[8] dead; (3) *Ida W.,*[8] m., and now living; (4) *Uranie,*[8] dead.

287. *Sally,*[5] b. May 18, 1781.

288. *Bethiah,*[5] b. Aug. 3, 1783.

289. *Thomas J.,*[5] b. Jan. 19, 1791; m. June 3, 1832, to Mrs. Polly Damon; probably d. July, 1858.

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BENJAMIN[4] (*Joseph*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Joseph Clapp, of Scituate, and brother of the preceding, was born April 26, 1710. He married first, Oct. 23, 1734, Grace Tilden; second, probably about 1763, Deborah ..... No issue by first wife. He probably did not reside in Scituate the latter part of his life.

Children of BENJAMIN and wife DEBORAH CLAPP, of Scituate:

290. LEWIS,[5] b. Jan. 5, 1764; m. first, Aug. 5, 1787, Lydia Holmes, who d. in 1802; m. second, Jan. 3, 1805, Thankful Sutton. They lived in Scituate. Chil.:
   291. *Lewis*,[6] b. in 1794 (by first wife); m. ..... Stetson, and lived in Scituate. Children: **i.** *Lewis*.[7] **ii.** *James*.[7]
   292. *Lydia*[6] (by first wife), never married.
   293. *Deborah*,[6] m. first, David Church; second, Mr. Randall.
   294. *Sally*,[6] m. Martin Hatch.
   295. *Seth*[6] (by second wife), b. in 1805; m. Nancy Brown, of Boston, and removed to Boston, May, 1843. They had one child, *Hannah M.*,[7] b. in Scituate April 4, 1839.
   296. *Solon*[6] (by second wife), b. in 1807, was a mariner and married some one at the South.
297. THOMAS,[5] b. in 1766; m. May 5, 1799, Mercy Bailey, who d. March 14, 1831, aged 54 years. They lived in Scituate. Children:
   298. *Emily*,[6] b. Sept. 14, 1799.
   299. *Elijah*,[6] b. in Scituate, Sept. 26, 1801; m. Nov. 24, 1825, Harriet Ford, b. in Scituate Nov. 24, 1801. Children: **i.** *Elijah T.*,[7] b. Sept. 8, 1826; m. Dec. 7, 1865, Ann R. Clapp, of Scituate, who was b. May 30, 1842. They live in Scituate. Chil.: (1) *Elijah T.*,[8] b. Oct. 15, 1866; (2) *Helen A.*,[8] b. Jan. 19, 1868; (3) *William H.*,[8] b. Dec. 14, 1869; (4) *Harriet F.*,[8] b. May 2, 1872. **ii.** *Howard*,[7] b. July 6, 1829; m. Nov. 21, 1855, Frances A. Rodgers, who was b. in Marshfield, Sept. 28, 1825. They live in South Boston. Chil.: (1) *Abby F.*,[8] b. Dec. 22, 1856; (2) *Cliff R.*,[8] b. Feb. 10, 1861. **iii.** *Harriet A.*,[7] b. June 23, 1832; unm. in 1873. **iv.** *Peleg F.*,[7] b. Jan. 27, 1835; m. April 3, 1867, Mary L. Manson, who was b. in Scituate, May 30, 1842; live in South Boston, and had (1) *Mary M.*,[8] b. March 31, 1868; (2) *Frank Howard*,[8] b. Oct. 17, 1869, and (3) *Harry Lincoln*,[8] b. July 9, 1872. **v.** *Mercy F.*,[7] b. June 12, 1837; m. Nov. 29, 1860, George H. Manson, who was b. in Scituate, May 7, 1832; they live in South Boston, and have two children. **vi.** *Julia*,[7] b. Aug. 17, 1843; m. Dec. 29, 1870, George W. Spaulding, who was b. in Scituate Aug. 28, 1842. They live in South Boston, and have one child.
   300. *Hannah*,[6] b. Oct. 9, 1803.
   301. *Lucy*,[6] b. Dec. 23, 1805; d. March 6, 1826, aged 20 years.
   302. *Mercy*,[6] b. Jan. 22, 1808.
   303. *Howard*,[6] b. Feb. 3, 1810; d. July 27, 1828, aged 18 years.
   304. *Franklin B.*,[6] b. July 12, 1812; m. Dec. 25, 1833, Clara Powers, of Cohasset. He removed to Taunton, Mass., and

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is a manufacturer of tacks. Children: **i.** *Louise Doane*,[7] b. Jan. 13, 1836. **ii.** *Henry Lincoln*,[7] b. Jan. 24, 1839; graduated at Harvard College in 1870, began to teach in a private school in Hartford, then a teacher in a public school in Boston. **iii.** *Elizabeth Joy*,[7] b. Nov. 25, 1840; d. Feb. 6, 1863. **iv.** *George Parker*,[7] b. Feb. 28, 1844; when quite young, enlisted in the navy and served on Steamer Massachusetts in the war of the Rebellion; was in Libby Prison eight months. **v.** *Sarah Jane*,[7] b. Dec. 30, 1846; d. April 10, 1850. **vi.** *Frances Maria*,[7] b. Aug. 11, 1849; d. April 6, 1850. **vii.** *Sarah Frances*,[7] b. March 1, 1851. **viii.** *Maria Florence*,[7] b. Sept. 26, 1853.

305. *Harvey*,[6] b. Feb. 26, 1814; m. Hannah Whitcomb, Jan. 10, 1833. Children: **i.** *Jane T.*,[7] b. May 19, 1833. **ii.** *Charles W.*,[7] b. Nov. 2, 1835. **iii.** *William*.[7]
306. *Louisa*,[6] b. March 24, 1815.
307. *Emily*,[6] b. Jan. 23, 1819.
308. *Harriet*,[6] b. Nov. 22, 1821.
309. *Thomas*,[6] b. Jan. 22, 1824.
310. Benjamin,[5] b. March 12, 1778; d. Nov. 13, 1815. He m. Aug. 14, 1803, Judith Otis, who d. Aug. 1828. They lived in Scituate. Children:
311. *Benjamin*,[6] b. Feb. 17, 1804; was a cooper by trade; resided in Boston, and carried on business under the name of "Clapp & Goddard." He m. in 1829, Elizabeth Towle. Children: **i.** *Benjamin Franklin*,[7] b. about 1829, d. Jan. 26, 1851; was a bright scholar, and obtained a Franklin Medal in one of the public schools of Boston in 1843; he d. of consumption on board ship in Boston harbor, while returning from Calcutta. **ii.** *Joseph E.*,[7] b. Nov. 30, 1833; m. Sept. 20, 1860, Lydia I. Jacobs, and lives in Malden, Mass. **iii.** *George L.*,[7] b. June 2, 1844; m. Jan. 8, 1868, Elizabeth B. Pierce, and lives in Medford.
312. *Judith*,[6] b. March 24, 1806; m. Parker Jones. They live in Duxbury, Mass.
313. *Lydia*,[6] b. Jan. 3, 1808; d. Feb. 16, 1834, aged 26 years. She m. June 15, 1828, Job Otis, of Scituate.
314. *Job*,[6] b. April 5, 1810.
315. *Charles*,[6] b. Oct. 15, 1813; m. Anna W. ..... and has one child, *Georgiana*,[7] b. Aug. 4, 1839.

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JOHN[4] (*Stephen*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), eldest son of Stephen and wife Temperance Clapp, was born Oct. 14, 1697. He was a Captain, and there is a grave-stone in Scituate burying-ground, which says Capt. John Clapp died Jan. 24, 1762, in the 72d year of his age. If this was the John referred to, there must be an error somewhere. He married, Nov. 5, 1724, Mercy Otis; there was a Mercy, wife of Capt. John Clapp, who died Jan. 15, 1761, in the 61st year of her age.

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Children of JOHN and MERCY (Otis) CLAPP, of Scituate:

+316. SAMUEL,[5] b. July 25, 1725; d. in 1809.
317. GEORGE,[5] b. Oct. 7, 1726; m. probably Nov. 13, 1755, Mary Gorham and removed to Worthington, according to Elisha Clapp, but Deane says, to Northampton. Child:
318. *George*,[6] lived in New Hampshire.
319. JOHN,[5] b. Oct. 8, 1728; d. Oct. 26, 1728.
320. RUTH,[5] b. Nov. 16, 1729.
321. RACHEL,[5] b. Feb. 16, 1731.
+322. JOHN,[5] b. July 5, 1734; d. Feb. 13, 1810.
323. ISAAC,[5] b. April 18, 1736; d. Oct. 18, 1739.
324. MERCY,[5] b. Sept. 25, 1740; d. April 11, 1787, aged 47 years, unmarried.
325. CONSTANT,[5] b. June 1, 1743; d. Oct. 1829. Was highly respected in the town of Scituate, where he lived. He was one of the Committee of Inspection chosen by the town in 1774 to see that the Continental law was carried into effect; he was also one of the Committee chosen in 1787 to prepare instructions to their representative; they reported some very spirited and patriotic resolutions. He was employed by the town in many other public matters. He m. March 3, 1768, Rebecca Bailey. Child:
326. *Isaac*,[6] d. young.

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THOMAS[4] (*Stephen*,[3] *Samuel*[2], *Thomas*[1]), son of Deacon Stephen and wife Temperance Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born in Scituate, June 26, 1703. He was fitted for College partly under Rev. James McSparran, Missionary to Narragansett from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and partly under the Rev. Nathaniel Eells, of Scituate. Entered Harvard aged 15, and was graduated in 1722. Was settled in Windham, Conn., as successor to Rev. Samuel Whiting, Aug. 3, 1726. In a manuscript "Memoir of some remarkable occurrences of his life," written by himself, he thus speaks with reference to his ministry in Windham.

"January 1, 1737. I have this last week finished my pastoral visitation of every family in my parish, and catechising the several children in them. And I have also taken down the names and ages of every one, so that I might have a more full knowledge and clear remembrance of every soul committed to my care and charge, and the circumstances and condition of each particular person. I find the number of them to be seven hundred and twenty-two. A great number of souls to depend on the care of one weak and sinful creature! May God direct and enable me rightly to perform and go through this great work and charge; that I may bear the names and circumstances of every one upon my heart at all times, and especially when I approach unto the throne of God, as Aaron bore the names of the children of Israel on the breast-plate upon his heart, when he entered into the holy place."

Under the same date, he records the names of the members in each family of the parish, the families numbering one hundred and

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twenty. His own family is recorded thus, his wife having died a short time before:

Thomas Clap, June 26, 1703.	Mary Clap, April 25, 1729.
Temperance Clap, April 29, 1732.	Pompey, Negro, about 1713.
Phillis, Negro, about 1717.	Tamar, Negro, Dec. 18, 1736.

Mr. Clapp was an impressive and powerful preacher, and a man of exemplary piety and singular industry, as well as learned in the various branches of secular knowledge, particularly mathematics, astronomy, natural and moral philosophy, civil and canon law and history. He constructed the first orrery, or planetarium, made in America. In 1739, he was chosen President of Yale College, as successor to Rev. Elisha Williams. His people in Windham, however, were so unwilling to part with him that the matter was referred to an ecclesiastical council, who advised his acceptance of the invitation, and he was inducted into that office April 2, 1740. The Legislature of the State, with a liberality which at this day seems remarkable, voted to compensate the people of Windham for the loss of their pastor. The committee, to whom the subject of compensation was referred, stated that inasmuch as Mr. Clapp had been in the ministry at Windham fourteen years, which was about half the time ministers in general continue in their public work, "the people ought to have half as much as they gave him for a settlement, which, upon computation, was about fifty-three pounds sterling." This sum was accordingly granted the parish by the General Assembly. Mr. Clapp brought with him to the College a high reputation as a general scholar, as a mathematician and astronomer, and as a man of uncommon energy of character and remarkable business qualifications. Much was expected from him in his new office, and he accomplished much. A new code of laws for the College was soon drawn up by him, was adopted by the Trustees, translated into Latin, was published in 1748, and took the place of the laws of Harvard College, which had till then been in use. This was the first book ever printed in New Haven. These laws continued in this form for twenty-four years, when they were published in English. The College Library was much improved, an additional tutor was appointed, and study was more diligently and successfully pursued. A new and more liberal charter of the College, drawn up by him, was also obtained from the Legislature. The growth of the College was such that a new building, the plan of which was projected by Mr. Clapp, was completed in 1752. The expense of this building was defrayed in part by a lottery, authorized by the Legislature, aided by the sale of a French prize, taken by a colonial frigate. Next, a new College Chapel was called for by him, the foundation of which was laid in 1761, and in 1763 was finished and opened with appropriate ceremonies. During his Presidency, the direction of Collegiate studies undoubtedly received a strong bias from his own favorite pursuits; the study of philosophy, mathematics and polemic divinity being

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specially prominent and thorough, poetry and belles-lettres flourished feebly. The pupils under his charge were remarkable for their high degree of culture in the sciences to which he was particularly devoted.

But this material growth was not unmixed with internal disagreements and dissensions, a full account of which is given in Sprague's "Annals of the American Pulpit." The visit of the celebrated Mr. Whitefield to New England took place soon after President Clapp came into office. President C. had no sympathy with Whitefield or his movements, and feared great injury to the churches from his visit. A declaration was accordingly issued, signed by himself and three Tutors, strongly condemning the course of Mr. W., whom he accuses of making use of the assertion, "I intend to turn the generality of ministers of this country out of their pulpits (who are half beasts and half devils), and bring over ministers from England." In the divided and excited state of public feeling on this matter, the declaration could not do otherwise than increase the excitement, and the College suffered in consequence. A disagreement also arose respecting the attendance of its officers and students on the ministry of the pastor of the New Haven church, who was not popular as a preacher, and was of doubtful orthodoxy. Efforts were made to choose a Professor of Divinity, but were not successful, and in 1753, President Clapp, by invitation of the Corporation, commenced preaching to the students in the College Hall. This was considered by the New Haven church as grossly irregular, that church claiming the College as within its parish boundaries.* In 1756, a Professor of Divinity was chosen. A lot of land was generously conveyed to the College by the President for the use of the Theological Professor, and he also, by the aid of some benevolent individuals, commenced building on said lot a house for the professor's residence.

Other controversies arose, however, which, with the pertinacity of the President in insisting on his favorite measures, rendered him unpopular, and a memorial was sent to the Assembly praying for a commission of visitation to examine into all the affairs of the College. An elaborate written reply was prepared by the president, denying most of the charges made, and also the right of the Legislature to interfere in the manner proposed, and the Memorial was finally dismissed by the Legislature. But the clamors against the College were continued, it had become unpopular, and matters were made worse by the resignation of two of the Tutors being called for by the President in 1765, on account of their having embraced the opinions of the Sandemanians. On their resignation, the remaining

* Numerous pamphlets on both sides of this particular point in the controversy were issued, a stray copy of some of which is still occasionally brought to light. The tone and temper of the dispute, as shown in these pamphlets, were certainly not commendable. They were mostly anonymous, though probably their authors were known at the time. It is not supposed the President himself was engaged in this kind of warfare—his public and open arguments and defences, with his other duties, probably occupying all his time and energies.

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Tutor resigned, and their successors found themselves in such embarrassing circumstances that in a few months they, too, vacated their places. In July of that year, aware of his unpopularity, President Clapp offered his resignation. The Corporation, however, still adhered to him, and expressed to him their "earnest desire that he would be pleased to continue in office as long as Divine Providence should permit, or at least till the next Commencement." He accordingly remained and conferred degrees at the Commencement in September, and then took his leave of the College in a valedictory address, dwelling at length on the improvements which had been made during his administration, and stating that "in consequence of his age and infirmities, and strong desire of private life, he resigned his office." The Corporation "passed a vote expressive of their high estimation of his character and services, and of their best wishes for his future and eternal well-being." Ebenezer Baldwin, in his "Annals of Yale College," thus alludes to the termination of Pres. Clapp's services at Yale:

"Thus ended the academic services of a President (after the labors of twenty-seven years) who was an ornament to the science of the age in which he lived, whose efforts for the substantial interests and prosperity of the College were unremitted, and whose only unpopular traits appear to have been a conscientious religious zeal, and scholastic independence, that could not yield to the spirit of an altered age."

The retirement which he coveted was terminated by his death in less than a year and a half. It took place after a short illness, Jan. 7, 1767, in the 64th year of his age. He was buried from the College Chapel, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion preached by Rev. Naphtali Daggett, Professor of Divinity.

President Clapp was married, in 1727, to Mary, daughter of Rev. Samuel Whiting, his predecessor in the ministry at Windham. Mrs. Clapp died, greatly lamented, Aug. 9, 1736, in the 24th year of her age. In an obituary sketch of her, it is said that her husband's "grief seemed inconsolable; he mourned sore like a dove." From a written delineation of her character, found among his private writings, it would appear that she was eminent in every virtue and accomplishment. In 1740, he married, second, Mrs. Mary Saltonstall, widow of Capt. Roswell S., of Branford, Conn. By this marriage, he had no children.

It is unfortunate that so few of the mathematical and philosophical works of Pres. Clapp have been preserved for the benefit of posterity. His most valuable manuscripts were in the possession of his daughter, Madam Wooster, and were carried off among the plunder taken by the British troops during their invasion of New Haven, in 1779. President Styles, successor to Pres. Clapp, protested with the English General Tryon that "a war against science had been reprobated for ages by the wisest and most powerful generals," and requested their return. This was, however, without effect. Some of them

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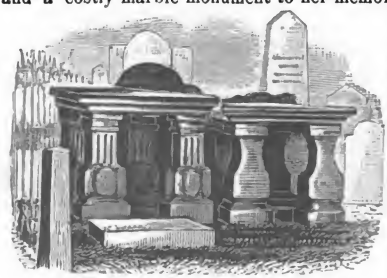
were picked up, about a week afterward, by boatmen in the Sound, near Fairfield, and others at East Haven; but it is to be regretted that most of Pres. Clapp's valuable manuscripts were irrecoverably lost.

President Clapp and his wife were buried in the town graveyard, on the public Square, or Green, in New Haven. A new cemetery was incorporated in 1797, and is said to have been the first one in the United States that was laid out in *family lots*. In 1821, all the old monuments standing on the Green were removed to the new cemetery, and placed in the family lots whenever there were friends or relatives living to desire it. Mrs. Wooster, the daughter of the President, was one of the first buried in the new cemetery (1807), and a costly marble monument to her memory stands near those of her parents. The accompanying sketch of the latter has been kindly designed and engraved for this Memorial, by John W. Barber, Esq., of New Haven, now in his 77th year. He has endeavored to represent them as they appear to the eye, with some of the surroundings, without any effort to produce a handsome picture. These tabular monuments, though not pretentious in appearance, were of superior construction at the time they were made. The following is the epitaph on the monument erected to the memory of Pres. Thomas Clapp:



MONUMENTS OF PRES. THOMAS CLAPP AND WIFE.

EPITAPH.

"Here lyeth interred the body of the reverend and learned Mr. Thomas Clap, the late President of Yale College, in New Haven; a truly great man, a gentleman of superior natural genius, most assiduous application, and indefatigable industry. In the various branches of learning, he greatly excelled; an accomplished instructor; a patron of the College; a great divine, bold for the truth; a zealous promoter and defender of the doctrines of grace; of unaffected piety, and a pattern of every virtue; the tenderest of fathers and the best of friends; the glory of learning and the ornament of religion; for thirteen years, the faithful and much respected pastor of the church in Windham; and near twenty-seven years the laborious and principal President of the College, and having served his own generation, by the will of God, with serenity and calmness, he fell on sleep, the 7th day of January, 1767, in his sixty-fourth year.

"Death, great proprietor of all,
'Tis thine to tread out empires
And to quench the stars."

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The following is a list of President Clapp's publications:—

"A Sermon at the Ordination of the Rev. Ephraim Little, 1732. An Introduction to the Study of Philosophy, exhibiting a general view of all the Arts and Sciences, for the use of the Pupils, 1743. A Letter to a friend in Boston, 1745. A Letter to the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of Northampton, expostulating with him for his injurious reflections in his late Letter to a friend, 1745. The Religious Constitution of Colleges, especially of Yale College, New Haven, 1754. A brief History and Vindication of the Doctrines, received and established in the Churches of New England, with a specimen of the new scheme of religion beginning to prevail, 1755. An Essay on the Nature and Foundation of Moral Virtue and Obligation, 1765. Annals or History of Yale College, 1766. Conjectures upon the Nature and Motions of Meteors which are above the Atmosphere (posthumous), 1781."

President Stiles has left the following honorable testimony to President Clapp in his Literary Diary:—

"President Clap was possessed of strong mental powers, clear perception and solid judgment. Though not eminent for classical learning, he had a competent knowledge of the three learned languages. He was well versed in algebra, optics, astronomy, and the general course of experimental philosophy. In mathematics and natural philosophy, I have not reason to think he was equalled by any man in America, except the most learned Professor Winthrop. Many others, indeed, excelled him in the mechanic application of the lower branches of the mathematics; but he rose to sublimer heights, and became conversant in the application of this noble science to those extensive laws of nature, which regulate the most extensive phenomena, and obtain throughout the stellary universe. I have known him to elucidate so many of the abstrusest theorems and ratiocinia of Newton, that, I doubt not, the whole *Principia* of that illustrious philosopher was comprehended by him; a comprehension which, it is presumed, very few mathematicians of the present age have attained. Wollaston's Religion of Nature was the basis of his Moral Philosophy, and Westminster Calvinism was his Theology. He had thoroughly studied the Scriptures, and had read the most eminent Divines of the last two hundred years. In his peculiar manner, he had examined so many authors, through the tract of time from Jerome to the present day, as well as the three more primitive ages, that, on the fundamental doctrines of religion, I believe him to have been possessed of the sentiments of the whole Christian world. History, ancient and modern, political and ecclesiastical, he was well versed in. He had deeply studied the history of the Assyrian empire; that of Greece; that of the Roman empire through all its periods, and particularly its mutation into an ecclesiastical State. He studied the rise of Mahometism; the Saracenic conquests; the dominion of the Caliphs and Mamelukes; the extensive spread of this religion, and the final partition of the interest into several empires. He had formed an idea of the powers of Europe, their connections, balances, and leading springs of policy; and had arranged the principal events and revolutions of the several ages, from antiquity to the present day. He traced and considered with the closest attention the causes of greatest extent, and most forcible operation, in effecting public events, which, like the laws of nature, carry in themselves the certain futurition of their phenomena. He well understood the history and geography of the Bible; and took great pains to consider the verification which it naturally gave and received when

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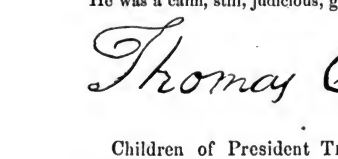
compared with profane history. He was well read in the Fathers, and had examined all the remains of the antiquities of the Primitive Church. He studied the police, worship and discipline of the Church, in the three first and two last ages. He greatly studied the councils, general and provincial, and in them was thoroughly versed. He was considerably read in the common law of England, and in the municipal laws of his country. He was also well versed in the *Jus Civile*, the Institutes of Justinian, the Pandects, the *Novellæ;* and from the canons, the decretals of the Popes, he had obtained such a general knowledge of ecclesiastical law, that he would have honoured a Doctorate in both laws.

"The labors of his office left a most contemplative mind but a few hours for reading. But he had a happy and advantageous method of reading; he always studied on a system or arrangement with respect to some whole, and read to purpose. A voluminous library before him,—he treated as a collection of reports, books delivering the knowledge and reasonings of the learned world on all subjects of literature. He seldom read a volume through in course. Having previously settled in his mind the particular subjects to be examined, and what on any subject he needed to ascertain, he then pitched directly on the book or books, and those parts in them which would elucidate the subject of his inquiry. He would thus, with discernment and despatch, run over fifty volumes, if necessary, and select whatever they contained in point, and thus proceed till he made himself master of the subject—generally passing unconcernedly over the rest, however attractive and interesting.

"As to his person, he was not tall; yet, being thick set, he appeared rather large and bulky. His aspect was light, placid, serene and contemplative. He was a calm, still, judicious, great man."



The publishers are indebted to F. B. Dexter, Esq., Secretary, Yale College, for a fac-simile of the autograph of President Thomas Clapp.

Children of President THOMAS and 1st wife MARY (Whiting) CLAPP:

327. MARY,* b. April 25, 1729; m. David Wooster,* afterwards a Maj. General in the Revolutionary War. It is said of her that she was considered the first lady of her time in New Haven. In the burying-ground at New Haven, a beautifully designed monument, near that of her father, marks the place of her burial. A grandson was an Admiral in the Chilian Navy, formerly of New

* Born in Stratford, Ct. March 2, 1710; d. in Danbury, Ct., May 2, 1777. He was made Captain of an armed vessel to protect the coast in 1739; in the expedition against Louisburg, in 1745, he commanded the sloop of war "Connecticut," which conveyed the troops; was sent in command of the cartel ship to Europe, but was not permitted to land in France. In England he was a favorite, was presented at court, and was made a Captain in Pepperrell's Regiment, receiving half-pay until 1774. Appointed Colonel 3d Ct. Regt. in 1755; became a Brig.-Gen., and was in service in 1758-60. He was one of the originators of the expedition which captured Ticonderoga in April, 1775, and a member of the Ct. Assembly; was made Brig.-Gen. in the Continental army 22 June, 1775, and served in Canada, holding, for a time, the chief command after the death of Montgomery. Resigning soon after, he was made Maj.-Gen. of the State militia, and, while opposing a force of the enemy under Tryon, sent to destroy the public stores at Danbury, was mortally wounded 27 April, 1777, and died a few days later.—*Drake's Dictionary of American Biography.*

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York city and extensively engaged in privateering during the war of 1812–15, and d. in Monterey, Cal., in 1848.

328. TEMPERANCE,[5] b. April 29, 1732; m. Aug. 9, 1753, Rev. Timothy Pitkin, of Farmington, Conn., the son of Gov. Wm. Pitkin, of Connecticut.

Three other children of Thomas[4] and 1st wife d. young.

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NATHANIEL[4] (*Stephen,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), youngest son of Dea. Stephen and wife Temperance Clapp, was born Sept. 11, 1709. He was a magistrate and a very useful and respected man. He married, in 1736, Desire Bourne, of Barnstable.

Children of NATHANIEL and DESIRE (Bourne) CLAPP, of Scituate:

329. HANNAH,[5] b. Nov. 11, 1739; m. in 1794, Rev. Nathan Stone, of Barnstable; d. in 1805. No children.
330. DESIRE,[5] b. May 13, 1741; m. Capt. Prince Gorham, of Barnstable, and had four children.
+331. SYLVANUS,[5] b. Jan. 20, 1742; d. April 29, 1811, aged 68.
332. TEMPERANCE,[5] b. Dec. 1, 1744; m. Judge Wm. Gorham, of Gorham, Me., and had one daughter.
333. MARY,[5] b. Jan. 26, 1747; m. Rev. Isaac Mansfield, of Marblehead, who was b. in 1750, and graduated at Harvard College in 1767. He preached nearly eleven years at Exeter, N. H., and d. in Boston, Sept. 1826, aged 76. They had two children. She was living in Marblehead in 1806.
334. SUSANNAH,[5] b. Oct. 13, 1748; m. in 1770, Mr. Joseph Benson, of Scituate, and had ten children.
335. ABIGAIL,[5] b. Dec. 2, 1750; d. in 1810. She m. Hawkes Cushing, of Boston; no children.
336. EUNICE,[5] b. Jan. 10, 1752; m. Col. Wm. Turner, of Scituate, who was b. Jan. 16, 1747, and graduated at Harvard College in 1767. They had nine children, one of whom (Stephen) was killed at the battle of Bridgewater, in the war of 1812.
337. RACHEL,[5] b. Feb. 1755; d. young.
338. NATHANIEL,[5] b. June 15, 1756, d. young.
339. STEPHEN,[5] b. June 27, 1759; d. young. One of the last two boys was killed with a cart, and the other drowned.

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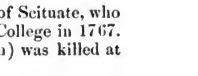
THOMAS[4] (*John,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of John and Hannah (Gill) Clapp, and cousin to President Thomas, of Yale College, was born in Scituate, Nov. 11, 1705. He graduated at Harvard College in 1725; first turned his attention to the ministry and was ordained at Taunton in 1729, Eben. Clapp, Senior, and Phillips Payson being delegates to the ordination from Dorchester. He was married to his first wife, Mary Leonard, daughter of Judge George Leonard, of



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Norton,* Sept. 9, 1731; she died of measles June 27, 1741, aged 27 years, 5 months and 10 days. His second wife was Esther, daughter of Hon. John Chandler, of Worcester, whom he married May 9, 1745. She died July 20, 1792. Mr. Clapp so far conformed to the customs of the day in which he lived as to be the owner of slaves. On his marriage to his second wife, it is related that she obtained a promise from him that they should be liberated. For some reason, this was not done till after his death. One of these slaves was the mother of several sons, who were brought up in his house, and the marks and scratches of their fingers were said to have remained on the walls of the house for a century afterwards. He left the ministry, it is said, partly in consequence of aspersions on his character by some of his people. Mr. Clapp enjoyed a handsome patrimony, and was too independent in his position and feelings to submit to calumny, therefore a separation from his flock took place. It is said the Taunton people declared they would never settle another rich man. His own account of the matter differs somewhat from the above. From a statement drawn up by himself, which has been preserved in manuscript, and which embraces the proceedings of the church in regard to his dismission, and their certificate of recommendation of him, the following introductory remarks are copied:

"The Inhabitants of the Town of Taunton to Incourage me to Settle with them in the Work of the Ministry, did at a Legall Meeting on the 16th of Dec^{r} Dom. 1728 vote to Give me annually £130 and always to keep s^{d} sum Good, Let the money rise or fall, But they did not Comply with their vote any one year, tho' they were urged to do it by the Church & myself; and after Diverse Years Waiting, the Church advised me writing under their hand, to make application to the General Session of the Peace for the County of Bristoll, in order to obtain my Salery, which gave so much Uneasiness to many in the Town, that rather than Live in Contention with any of my parishioners, about so small a pittance, I sought for a Removall from them, and accordingly the Church at a full meeting did vote & agree to give me the following Letter of Dismission & Recomendation."

He returned to Scituate in 1738, and was soon appointed Chief Justice of the Inferior Court of Plymouth County, and one of the Counsellors of the Commonwealth. He was also a Colonel of the militia, and was greatly respected for his talents and integrity. He built a large and elegant mansion, now standing near the South Scituate Railroad Station, and near to the dwelling place of Samuel Woodworth, of "Old Oaken Bucket" memory. There is a tradition concerning him that "he was so large a man as to excite the curi-

* Many rich and valuable household articles were brought to the house of Judge Thomas in Taunton, by his first wife; and to that in Scituate, by his second wife. Some of these are most carefully preserved, and cheerfully shown by his great-granddaughter, Miss Mary Leonard Clapp, who now, with her brother Henry, occupies the house in Scituate, built by him in 1740. She has also in her possession a rich china pitcher, of unique form and ornamented with quaint figures, which was brought over in the "Mayflower," and was presented, by a son of Peregrine White, to Judge Thomas Clapp.

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osity of children to run after him in the street, when discharging his professional duties." He was a Representative to the General Court fourteen years, and while there was engaged in some sharp controversies, several of which are in print. Quite a number of his books were preserved and were in possession of his grandson, Leonard, when he died in 1852. A volume of his MS. Sermons has also been handed down, and one of them is printed in the Rev. Samuel H. Emery's "Ministry of Taunton." The subject of this sermon is "Our Likeness to God, and Vision of Him," which is treated throughout in a manner which shows him to have been an able expounder of the Scriptures according to the style and spirit of the preaching of that day. To the work above referred to we are indebted for some of the facts already related respecting Judge Thomas Clapp, and also for the following extracts from a communication to Mr. Emery by Rev. Daniel Wight, Jr.:

"He was taken sick with the palsy while presiding on the bench as Judge in Plymouth Court. After the first attack, he was subject to fits, each reducing him lower and lower. During his long sickness of seven years' continuance, he was able often to go out, and once went to Plymouth Court, but for the last few years of his life he was confined to his bed. He is represented as having been remarkably mild and pleasant in his disposition till he had the palsy, after which he was irritable and hard to please. He was not very tall, but fleshy, and of fine personal appearance. He died May 31, 1774, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was buried in the north-west part of 'the common' burying-ground, about three-fourths of a mile from Scituate harbor. His gravestones were removed, though not his remains, in 1828, to their present position, in the family burying-ground, near his former residence. The stones of his last wife, with those of several of his children, are neatly arranged beside his own. I give below the inscriptions, as they stand upon his own and last wife's monuments of slate-stone.

"Sacred
to the Memory of
Col. Thomas Clapp,
who died
May 31, 1774,
in the 69 year
of his age.

Rejoice in glorious hope,
Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take his servants up,
To their eternal home."

"Sacred
to the Memory of
Mrs. Esther Clapp,
who died
July 20, 1790,
aged 72 yrs.

When will separation cease,
Friendship's sons unite in peace,
Grief no more oppress the heart,
Friends no more be doomed to part?"

Of his family of nine children, it appears that but one was married, John the eldest.

By the two marriages of Judge Clapp, he became connected with families which ranked among the foremost of that day in social standing and public and private worth. The father of his first wife, Mary Leonard, is said to have lived at Norton "in baronial style," and the family trace their lineage through "John of Gaunt" to

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Edward III., and claim the title of "Lord Dacre." The royalty of the line, however, has in this country been laid aside, and members of the family have said that "where you can find iron works, there you will find a Leonard." His second wife was descended from William[1] and Annis Chandler, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1637, through Deacon John[2] and Elizabeth (Douglas), of Woodstock, Conn., Hon. John[3] and Mary (Raymond), of Woodstock, and Hon. John[4] and Hannah (Gardiner), of Worcester, Mass. Her grandfather John[3] was major in the Wars with the Indians, Judge of Probate, one of His Majesty's Council, Representative to the General Court, nearly forty years a Commissioner of the Peace, and held many town offices. The inventory of his estate amounts to £8,699 : 16 : 6. Her father moved to Worcester when the county of that name was first formed; was Town Treasurer and Selectman, was soon appointed Clerk of the Courts, was first Sheriff of the County, Colonel of the Militia, Register of Deeds and Probate, Chief Justice and Councillor, and in 1737 was Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. While Judge of Probate, he is said to have "kept an open table on Court days for the widows and orphans who were brought to his tribunal by concerns of business." Esther Chandler's mother, Hannah Gardiner, was descended from Lieut. Lyon Gardiner, of the British Army, who, in 1651, purchased of the Indians the Island just at the east end of Long Island, N. Y., containing about 3000 acres, which he called "Isle of Wight," and which has also been known as Gardiner's Island, paying for it a black dog, a gun and some Dutch blankets. The Bay in this Island was one of the resorts of Capt. Kidd, who put his money in Lieut. Gardiner's care. After Kidd's execution in 1701, Gardiner delivered up to the authorized commissioners bags of gold amounting to 738¾ oz.; silver, 847½ oz.; precious stones, 17¾ oz. Gardiner's Island is entailed in the family. It belongs to Easthampton Township.

Esther Chandler's brother John succeeded to nearly all the public honors bestowed upon his father and grandfather. "He was cheerful in temperament, engaging in manners, hospitable as a citizen, friendly and kind as a neighbor, and industrious and enterprising as a merchant." When the stormy times which preceded the Revolution came on, his chivalrous sense of loyalty forbade his joining the popular tide in the great struggle. He therefore became a refugee, sacrificing his large possessions, amounting to £36,190, as appraised by commissioners here, and sought an asylum in the mother country. The schedule of property and losses exhibited by him to the British Commissioners was allowed in full, and he was called in England "the honest refugee." He died in London, Sept. 26, 1800, and was buried in Islington. An iron fence encloses a spot about ten feet long by six wide, and a single slab with a brief inscription is his monument. Near by is the grave of his son Rufus, who was buried in October, 1823.

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Children of Judge THOMAS and 1st wife MARY (Leonard) CLAPP:

+340. JOHN,[5] b. in Taunton, July 14, 1733; d. May 24, 1767.

341. THOMAS,[5] b. in Taunton, June 22, 1736; was an officer in the 44th Regiment of the British Army. He took part in the conquest of Canada, and d., unm., at Ross Castle, Ireland, Aug. 4, 1770, aged 34 years. The following letter to his father is from the original manuscript, which is a well preserved and fairly written document.

Montreall, Sept. 17th, 1760.

HON[d] SIR:

I have not received a letter from you since Last October. But hope you are well. I have the pleasuer Informe you of the Intier Conquest of Canada without the loss of much blood. M[r]. Loring is very much sensured by the army for his bad conduct at Fort Levy, but Hough Just I don't say. We had not one gun fired at us after the surrender of the fort. We lost a Hundred men dround a cumming down the River. We Landed the fifth of Sep[t]. upon Montreall, and the seventh the Town surrendered and with it all Cannad. The terms are these: the French Regulars are to be sent to France. Theay embarked yesterday. The Inhabitance are to InJoy their estats as soon as theay have taken the oath of Alleagons. I have got a Commission in our Reg[t] for nothing, so that I acct in two cappassitys, Bouth as an officer & D[r], and if you will Direct yoor letters to En[s] Tho[s] Clapp of the 44th Reg[t] or to D[r] Tho[s] Clapp of the 44th Reg[t] at Montreall theay will come safe, for I am to stay at Montreall this winter. I hope I shall be able to come home in the spring. Give my Duty to Grandmother & Mother and Love to all the familly. No more at present. But Remain yoor

Dutifull Son,

THOS. CLAPP.

342. MARY,[5] b. in Taunton, Nov. 19, 1738; d. unm. Dec. 6, 1829, aged 91 years. Deane, in his history of Scituate, speaks of her as a "remarkably accomplished woman." She attended school in Boston, when young, and two framed pictures of needle-work, done by her at school, are now in possession of Miss Mary L. Clapp, in the old house built by Judge Thomas.

343. CALVIN,[5] b. in Scituate, Feb. 27, 1740; d. Jan. 8, 1741.

Children of THOMAS and 2d wife, ESTHER (Chandler) CLAPP:

344. HANNAH,[5] b. Oct. 24, 1746; d. Jan. 9, 1840, aged 94 years.

345. CALVIN,[5] b. Oct. 28, 1749; d. Dec. 4, 1752.

346. AUGUSTUS,[5] b. March 28, 1752; d. Feb. 2, 1827, aged 75 years. He never married; was Town Clerk and Postmaster of Scituate for many years.

347. CHANDLER,[5] b. Dec. 28, 1754; d. Dec. 25, 1832, aged 78 years. He never married; lived in Scituate; was Justice of the Peace and Postmaster in 1827 and 1828.

348. RUFUS,[5] b. Jan. 24, 1759; d. unm. June 8, 1834, aged 75 years. According to Elisha Clapp, he was a Doctor of Medicine, and d. in Ireland; but Elisha was, without doubt, mistaken.

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DAVID[4] (*David,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of David and Deborah (Otis) Clapp, was born March 20, 1720–21. First wife Ruth; second wife Mary. They lived in Scituate.

Child of DAVID and 1st wife RUTH CLAPP, of Scituate:

+349. DWELLY,[5] b. Aug. 12, 1741.

Child of DAVID and 2d wife MARY CLAPP:

350. DAVID,[5] b. July 24, 1752; d. in 1816, aged 64 years. He spent most of his life in his native town, but later he lived in Nobleboro', Me., where he died. He m. Sept. 26, 1779, Elizabeth Church, and his children were born in Scituate. Children:
   351. *Joseph C.*,[6] b. July 22, 1780; d. in 1816, aged 36 years; he m. and lived in Nobleboro', Me.; had one son, *Charles.*[7]
   352. *Mary*,[6] b. Nov. 22, 1781.
   353. *David*,[6] b. Jan. 22, 1783; d. in 1809, aged 26 years. He m. and had two sons: **I.** *John*,[7] b. in 1804. **II.** *Willard*,[7] b. previously to 1809.
   354. *Elizabeth*,[6] b. March 6, 1784.
   355. *Lucinda*,[6] b. July 31, 1785.
   356. *Nathaniel*,[6] b. Nov. 7, 1787; m. and lived in Nobleboro', Me. Children: **I.** *Nathaniel*,[7] b. 1812. **II.** *Tileston*,[7] b. in 1818. **III.** *David R.*,[7] b. in 1819.
   357. *Elisha*,[6] b. July 9, 1790; d. in 1794.
   358. *Ruth*,[6] b. June 5, 1792.
   359. *Elisha*,[6] b. March 9, 1794; m. and settled in Searsmont, Me. Child: *David*,[7] b. in 1817.
   360. *Charles*,[6] b. July 28, 1795; m. and had one child, *Charles S.*,[7] b. in 1821.

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JOSHUA[4] (*David,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of David and Deborah (Otis) Clapp, and brother to the preceding, was born Jan. 7, 1729. He spent most of his days in Scituate, but perhaps the latter part of his life was passed with his son Bela in Boston and in Claremont, N. H., and with his son Caleb in Westminster, Vt. His portrait is in the possession of one of his grandchildren, Mrs. Farwell, daughter of Bela Clapp. He married first, Lydia .....; second, Oct. 21, 1787, Hannah Briggs, who died Oct. 18, 1794. He died when about 80 years of age.

Children of JOSHUA and wife LYDIA CLAPP, of Scituate:

361. LYDIA,[5] b. Sept. 14, 1758; d. young.
+362. BELA,[5] b. July 2, 1760; d. July 12, 1812.
   363. LYDIA,[5] b. July 3, 1762; m. Mr. Jacobs, of Scituate.
   364. CALEB,[5] b. May 9, 1764; d. May 19, 1829, aged 65 years. He was a carpenter by trade, and carried on a large business in

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Boston. The latter part of his life he spent in Westminster, Vt., where he d. He m. April 18, 1793, Nancy Dorr, sister of Jonathan Dorr, of Roxbury. After her husband's decease, Mrs. Clapp removed to Aztalan, Wis., where she d. Sept. 17, 1840. Children:

365. *Ann*,[6] m. Mr. Stevens, of Westminster, Vt.
366. *Mark R.*,[6] m. and lives in Aztalan, Wis.
367. *Caleb*,[6] d. young.
368. *Susan*,[6] b. March 18, 1797; m. Jan. 28, 1816, Joseph Willard, of Westminster, Vt., who d. April 23, 1845.
369. *Frances E.*,[6] m. Mr. Hyer, and lives in Wisconsin.
370. *Sarah Bradley*,[6] m. Mr. Drake, and lives in Wisconsin.
371. *Dorr*,[6] m. and lives in Wisconsin.

372. MATTHEW S.,[5] b. Oct. 4, 1766; was twice married. Children:
373. *Nehemiah*,[6] d. without issue.
374. *Ann*,[6] m. in Boston, May 1, 1815, Cassimer Beck, a foreigner.
375. *Caleb*,[6] was living in Boston in 1831.

376. ANN,[5] b. Aug. 30, 1771; m. Mr. Holbrook, of Scituate.

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GALEN[4] (*David*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of David and Deborah (Otis) Clapp, was born in Scituate, Feb. 5, 1733. He married, Jan. 12, 1758, Patience Brooks, and lived in Scituate, following the trade of a ship carpenter in that place. He was an important, enterprising and energetic man, and when the Revolution broke out he was strongly in favor of carrying on the war, and received a commission as Captain in the service of the Colonies. He died Feb. 23, 1776, of a violent fever brought on by over-fatigue and anxiety.

Children of GALEN and PATIENCE (Brooks) CLAPP:

377. MOLLY,[5] b. Dec. 20, 1758; m. first, in 1789, Samuel Stetson, who d. in 1790. She m. second, in 1799, Job Turner, who d. in 1815. She d. in 1841.
378. LUCY,[5] b. March 13, 1761; m. in 1780, Nathaniel Sylvester, of Hanover, Mass. They removed to Winchendon, where she d. in 1836, aged about 75 years.
379. SARAH,[5] b. April 30, 1763; m. in 1780, Thomas James, of Scituate, who d. in Londonderry, N. H., about 1810. She was living in 1843.
380. ENOS,[5] b. July 26, 1765; d. about 1795. He was a shipwright by trade, and settled in Damariscotta, and Augusta, Me. He was lost at sea, when about 30 years of age. He m. Hannah Bryant. Children:
381. *Charlotte*,[6] b. in 1790; m. J. Wright, of Roxbury, where she d. in 1819, aged 29 years.
382. *Lydia*,[6] b. in 1792; m. in 1811, Caleb Covil, who d. at sea in 1816, leaving two sons. She d. in 1821.
383. THOMAS,[5] b. Aug. 3, 1767, in Scituate, and settled in Bath, Me. He m. in 1789, Mrs. Sarah Treadway, of Bath, Me., who d. in that town in 1818. He d. of a nervous fever, July 7, 1801, in the 34th year of his age. Children:

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384. *William Brooks,*[6] b. in 1790; d. 1791.
385. *Lucinda,*[6] b. in 1793; m. in 1818, Nathaniel Purrington, of Bath, Me., who was lost at sea about 1827. They had three children, one of whom d. at sea in 1839. Mrs. P. removed to Brighton, Mass., and resided with her son till her death, which took place in 1867.
386. *A son,*[6] b. 1795, d. in infancy.
387. *Mary,*[6] b. in 1797; m. in 1815, T. B. Sylvester. Mr. S. d. in Hope, Me., 1835. His widow and three children were living in Bath, Me., in 1843.
388. PATIENCE,[5] b. Aug. 30, 1769; m. Major John James, of Scituate. They settled in Medford.
389. HANNAH,[5] b. Feb. 22, 1772; d. Aug. 4, 1775, aged 3½ years.
390. CHARLES,[5] b. March 16, 1774; d. June 4, 1858. Removed from Scituate and settled in Bath, Me. He m. first, in 1799, Lydia Ham, who was b. in 1775, and d. Feb. 10, 1807; m. second, in 1807, Rachel Arnold, of Portland, Me., who was b. July 19, 1777. Charles was a shipwright by trade, and from 1799 to 1816, built 11 ships, 7 brigs and 4 schooners, besides repairing many old vessels; he then engaged in commercial business, but in 1842 had retired from that business. Children by first wife:
391. *Martha,*[6] b. July 11, 1800.
392. *Asenath,*[6] b. Dec. 13, 1801.
393. *A daughter,*[6] b. in 1804.
394. *A son,*[6] b. in 1805 (these all d. in infancy).
395. *Charles,*[6] b. Feb. 1, 1807; m. first, in 1829, Jane T. Sprague, and had no children. She d. Nov. 10, 1861, and he m. second, Nov. 21, 1862, Nancy E. Sprague, sister to his first wife. He was a merchant in Bath, Me., under the firm of "Magoun & Clapp." He was largely engaged in the shipping business, which he closed up to good advantage during the War of the Rebellion, and retired with a competency. He had large demands upon the "Alabama" Claims Commission, which have been allowed. He is one of the largest sized men of the name now living; frequently visits his kinsmen in Boston and vicinity; was actively interested in the Clapp Gathering of 1870; and is alive to all that concerns the history and honor of the family name.

Children of Charles[5] by second wife:

396. *Lydia Ham,*[6] b. Aug. 21, 1808; m. July 9, 1829, Oliver Moses. They have several children.
397. *Lucy Train,*[6] b. June 11, 1810; d. Sept. 15, 1811.
398. *Lucy Brooks,*[6] b. Oct. 21, 1812; m. in 1835, W. E. Harriman.
399. *Galen,*[6] b. Sept. 22, 1814; d. young.
400. *Rachel Hatherly,*[6] b. in 1816.
401. *Galen,*[6] b. Feb. 5, 1819; served his time in Boston in the mercantile business; afterwards, on account of his health, followed the sea; after leaving the sea, he returned to Bath, Maine, his native place, and engaged in the brass-foundry business. He married first, Mrs. Wealthy J. Patten (widow of Thomas Patten, dau. of Samuel Winter, Esq., of Portland, formerly of Bath), who d. Jan. 3, 1852, aged 32 years, and left a son,

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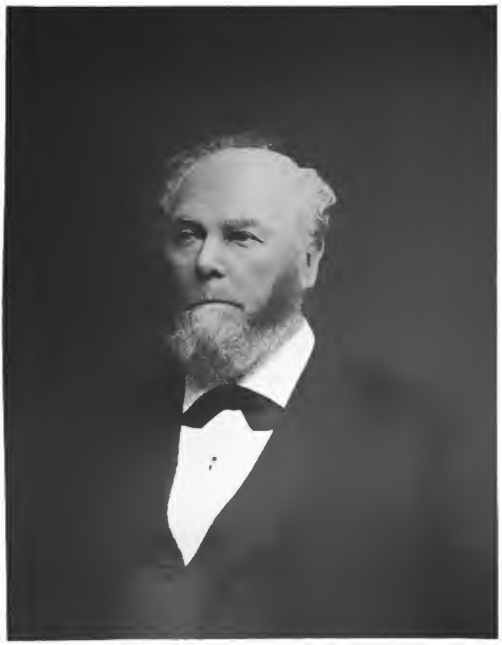

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Galen,[7] who was b. Dec. 21, 1851, and now resides in Boston. Galen[6] m. second, May 17, 1854, Miss Ann E. Ilsley, of Portland, who d. Dec. 23, 1859, aged 28 years; left no children. He m. third, Mrs. Ann Maria Batchelder (widow of Elijah Batchelder, of Bath), October 31, 1871, by whom he had a son, *Charles Kimball*,[7] who was b. Aug. 10, 1862 (about three months after his father's death), and who now lives with his widowed mother in Waltham, Mass.

402. *Nancy Eaton*,[6] b. June 18, 1821.

403. HANNAH,[6] b. Aug. 7, 1776. She m. Charles James, of Scituate, and lived in Boston.

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INCREASE[4] (*David*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), youngest child of David and Deborah (Otis) Clapp, was born March 20, 1734. He was one of the committee chosen by the town of Scituate to draft a vote concerning the formation of a Constitution for the State; they reported a favorable one, which was passed. He married, about 1758, Delight .....

Children of INCREASE and wife DELIGHT CLAPP, of Scituate:

404. JAMES,[5] b. April 10, 1759; d. June 11, 1803. He m. June 7, 1781, Elizabeth, dau. of Dea. Daniel Jenkins; she d. in May, 1803, aged 41 yrs. He d. the succeeding month, aged 44 years. Children:

405. *Betsey*,[6] b. March 4, 1785; m. Nathaniel Wade, of Scituate.

406. *Deborah*,[6] b. May 29, 1788; d. aged 88 years; m. Nathaniel Litchfield, of Scituate, who was b. March 25, 1783. They had seven children.

407. *James*,[6] b. May 19, 1789; d. Sept. 6, 1860. He resided in Boston, and carried on the business of a mason. He m. Triphenia Slade, who d. May 18, 1873. Children: **i.** *James H.*,[7] b. May 27, 1816, in Smithfield, R.I.; d. Jan. 29, 1863; was a mason by trade; m. Alpha M. Ballou; no children. **ii.** *Triphenia S.*,[7] b. April 9, 1818; m. Samuel S. Holton, of Boston, as a second wife, and had six children; d. April 11, 1856. **iii.** *Elizabeth J.*,[7] b. Jan. 31, 1820; d. Jan. 20, 1845; m. Samuel S. Holton. **iv.** *Mary Ann*,[7] b. June 22, 1822; d. March 21, 1839. **v.** *Serena C.*,[7] b. April 5, 1824; m. Wm. W. Webster. **vi.** *Maria B.*,[7] b. Oct. 9, 1825. **vii.** *Ruth H.*,[7] b. March 18, 1827. **viii.** *Jotham*,[7] b. Feb. 21, 1829. **ix.** *Susan G.*,[7] b. Dec. 19, 1830. **x.** *Almira P.*,[7] b. Jan. 27, 1832; d. July 26, 1874. **xi.** *Isabella A.*,[7] b. Sept. 21, 1833; d. Feb. 5, 1856. **xii.** *Georgiana D.*,[7] b. Nov. 8, 1834; m. Nov. 24, 1859, Samuel S. Holton, as a third wife, and had four children. **xiii.** *Frances F.*,[7] b. Oct. 27, 1837.

408. *Daniel*,[6] b. April 27, 1792; was a cooper by trade, and lived in Boston. He m. Margaret, dau. of Maj. Henry Purkitt, of Boston, an original member of the Mass. Char. Mech. Assoc.

409. *Serena*,[6] b. Sept. 15, 1793; m. William Norris; they lived in New York State.

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410. *Jotham*,[6] b. Oct. 8, 1795; m. Miss Jenks; they live in Pennsylvania, and have at least one child.

411. *Arethusa*,[6] b. Jan. 12, 1799; d. Jan. 6, 1866. Her parents dying when she was four years old, she was brought up in the family of her grandfather Jenkins. In her fifteenth year she became a resident in Dorchester, and while there, for a time came in social connection with some of her kinsfolk in the line of NICHOLAS. Thus a friendship was formed which continued unabated to the time of her death. She m. March, 1824, Joseph Leeds, of Dorchester, where they lived for many years; afterwards lived in Boston, and then moved to Philadelphia. They had nine children. "She was a person of great excellence of life and character. From a child her desire was to be useful, and habits of systematic industry were early fixed. As a christian her religion embraced all duty, and she was ready and active in every good work. Her lamp was always trimmed and burning, and her departure was in peace." Her husband, Mr. Jos. Leeds, wrote the Ode which was sung at the meeting of the Clapp family in Boston in 1873. He has been for several years most actively engaged in plans for setting apart for national purposes the lands and buildings in Philadelphia connected with the meetings of our first Congress.

412. DEBORAH,[6] b. Jan. 19, 1761.

413. NABBY,[5] b. April 22, 1764.

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THOMAS[5] (*Thomas*,[4] *Thomas*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Thomas and wife Hannah Clapp, of Dedham, was born in the year 1715, and died in March, 1751, aged 36 years. Wife Susanna.

Children of THOMAS and wife SUSANNA CLAPP:

414. THOMAS,[6] b. Sept. 26, 1745. He d. from the effect of running a pitchfork into his leg when a young man. He was the sixth and last Thomas in the line of eldest sons. He d. in 1763, without issue.

415. SUSANNA,[6] b. Jan. 24, 1746; m. Capt. Oliver Clapp (No. 116), of Walpole. They had five children.

416. JACOB,[6] b. March 30, 1749; d. in 1832. He m. Hannah Fairbanks, and settled in Walpole. Children:

417. *Susanna*,[7] b. Aug. 30, 1775; m. Seth Smith, of Strong, Me.

418. *Jacob*,[7] b. Dec. 16, 1779; lived in Walpole; unmarried.

419. *Grata*,[7] b. July 29, 1782.

420. *Harvey*,[7] b. March 4, 1786; d. July, 1840. He was postmaster of Walpole, in which place he kept a large public house; he was once a Representative to the General Court, and was a man of enterprise and great respectability. He m. Nabby Polleys. Children: i. *Edmund W.*,[8] b. Jan. 15, 1811; carried on the public house formerly kept by his father, and was also postmaster for many years. He was afterwards a successful merchant in Boston. He m. in 1837, Achsah B. Hawes, of Walpole, and had a daughter *Abba Frances*,[9] b.

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May 29, 1837. **ii.** *Harvey Erastus*,[8] b. May 14, 1814; d. in 1863. He graduated at Harvard College in 1837, then studied medicine, and settled and practised his profession in Wrentham. He m. in 1840, Priscilla B. Crocker, of Charlestown, and had a son. **iii.** *Abby P.*,[8] b. March 7, 1817; m. in 1839, Samuel W. Bacon, of Walpole. **iv.** *Samuel G.*,[8] b. June 29, 1821; d. March 16, 1870; a successful merchant in Boston; m. Betsey Babbitt, of Walpole, formerly of Braintree. **v.** *Frances E.*,[8] b. June 12, 1827. **vi.** *Angeline W.*,[8] b. Oct. 12, 1829.

421. *Lewis*,[7] b. Sept. 7, 1789; m. Lydia Gould, of Maine.

422. ICHABOD,[6] b. Feb. 24, 1750; d. in 1832; m. Susanna Doggett and lived in Walpole. Children:

423. *Nancy*,[7] b. March 13, 1783; unmarried.

424. *Metcalf*,[7] b. March 4, 1786. He was a captain; m. and had a child, *Ebenezer Doggett*,[8] b. March 11, 1813, who m. Julia A. Hawes, of Walpole, and had one son, *Edmund Metcalf*.[9]

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JAMES[5] (*Thomas*,[4] *Thomas*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Thomas and wife Hannah Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born in Dedham between the years 1716 and 1723, and lived in Walpole from its incorporation in 1724. Wife Rachel.

Children of JAMES and wife RACHEL CLAPP, of Walpole:

425. JAMES,[6] b. Oct. 9, 1746; d. young.

426. RACHEL,[6] b. Aug. 19, 1748; m. Mr. Copp, and had one son and four daughters.

427. JAMES,[6] b. Jan. 12, 1749; m. Hannah Boyden. He d. very suddenly while taking his dinner, in Boston, being there on business at the time. Children:

428. *Esther*,[7] b. March 13, 1772.

429. *Hannah*,[7] b. Feb. 21, 1775; m. Mr. Boyden.

430. *Elizabeth*,[7] b. May 5, 1777; d. young; found dead in bed.

431. *James*,[7] b. Feb. 8, 1779; was a farmer in Dedham; he d. suddenly of cramp. He m. and had issue.

432. *John*,[7] b. Jan. 1, 1783; d. July 27, 1811. Walpole records say he was b. Dec. 31, 1780. He m. July 14, 1811, Mary Crane, in Boston. He was killed by a cart in Boston, when he was 28 years of age, just thirteen days after his marriage. His widow m. George Jackson, of Boston.

433. *Jabez*,[7] b. April 12, 1784; was a cooper by trade; he m. and settled in Portland, Me. Children: **i.** *John*,[8] went to the Sandwich Islands. **ii.** *James*,[8] settled in Portland, Me. **iii.** *Edward*,[8] b. about 1815; settled in Boston as a coppersmith. **iv.** *Charlotte*,[8] m. Augustus Robinson, of Portland, Me. **v.** *Sophia*.[8]

434. SARAH,[6] b. Jan. 2, 1752; m. Benjamin Billings, of Sharon.

435. LYDIA,[6] b. Oct. 5, 1753; m. James Williams, of Mansfield.

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TIMOTHY[5] (*Thomas*,[4] *Thomas*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), youngest son of Thomas and wife Hannah Clapp, was born Dec. 24, 1733. He married Rhoda Witherell and settled in Sharon, Mass., where he has descendants still living. He died in 1811.

Children of TIMOTHY and RHODA (Witherell) CLAPP, of Sharon:

436. THOMAS,[6] b. in 1764; d. June 30, 1851; m. first, ...; second, March 27, 1845, Aurelia Allen, being then 81 years of age, and his wife 29 years. In 1847, there was a case brought before the Court at Dedham on his account. After his marriage with his second wife, he was put under guardianship at the request of one or more of his sons; this case was an appeal to a higher court to have it taken off, and the old gentleman got the case. He had two children in his old age by his second wife. Children by first wife:

437. *Olive*,[7] m. Mr. Smith.

438. *Reuben*,[7] m. .....

439. *Nathaniel*,[7] m. .....

440. SAMUEL,[6] b. Nov. 9, 1769; d. Feb. 18, 1846, aged 77 years; m. Oct. 18, 1795, Abigail Paul, of Dedham, who was b. March 6, 1777, and d. Dec. 23, 1869, aged 92 years, 9 mos. 15 days. He lived in Sharon. Children:

441. *Reuben*,[7] b. Oct. 24, 1796; d. in Sharon, in the house where he was born, Nov. 20, 1874; m. first, Lucy Johnson; second, May 8, 1858, Hepsey, wid. of Otis Hartshorn, of Walpole, d. Nov. 6, 1874. Children: **i.** *Reuben J.*,[8] b. Sept. 11, 1821; died unm. **ii.** *Lucy F.*,[8] b. July 6, 1823. **iii.** *Edson*,[8] b. May 16, 1825; m. Amanda Hixon, of Sharon. **iv.** *Elvira*,[8] b. April 16, 1827; d. young. **v.** *Horace W.*,[8] b. July 12, 1829. **vi.** *Harvey L.*,[8] b. June 3, 1831; dead. **vii.** *Charles W.*,[8] b. Feb. 1, 1833; m. Susan Emerson, of Boston.

442. *Samuel*,[7] b. April 25, 1799; West India goods dealer in the south part of Boston; now lives in Foxboro'. He m. Hannah Holmes, b. March, 1798. Children: **i.** *Samuel H.*,[8] lived in Lafayette, N. J.; now living in New York; m. first, Harriet Gilmore; second, Adelaide Boyden, both of South Walpole. Had children by each wife.

443. *Isaac P.*,[7] b. Sept. 1, 1800; was a merchant tailor in Boston, and a very steady and respectable man; afterwards removed to Topsfield. He m. June 1, 1835, Harriet Moore, of Sterling. Children: **i.** *Harriet J.*,[8] b. in 1835. **ii.** *Isaac Henry*,[8] b. in 1839. **iii.** *Helen*,[8] dead. **iv.** *Edward Francis*,[8] b. in 1842; died young. **v.** *Granville W.*,[8] lives in Danvers. **vi.** *Charles*,[8] dead. **vii.** *Frederic*.[8] **viii.** *Ferdinand*.[8] **ix.** *Clarence*.[8]

444. *Abigail*,[7] b. June 14, 1802; m. first, Willard Gould; second, Dea. Ebenezer Gay. She lived in Sharon, and has three children.

445. *Betsey*,[7] b. Oct. 21, 1804; m. Samuel Monk, of Stoughton, and lives in Salem, Mass. No children.

446. *Horace*,[7] b. April 12, 1809; settled in Charlotte, Me.; afterwards, in 1857, in Ashland, Mass. He d. Nov. 21, 1874, and

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his body was carried to Sharon and placed beside that of his brother Reuben, and a double funeral service was held Nov. 23, 1874. Both were buried in the cemetery near the home of their childhood. He m. first, Sarah Fisher. Children by first wife: i. *Elzina S.*[8] ii. *Edgar H.*[8] iii. *Laura O.*[8] He m. second, Emily Fisher.

447. *Luther*,[7] b. Sept. 9, 1812. He m. Keziah Esty; both dead. A son *Frank L.*,[8] m. Kate I. Porter, of Stoughton.

448. *Warren*,[7] b. Sept. 28, 1815; d. Jan. 12, 1856; he m. Sarah A. Brown, and lived first in Sharon, afterwards in Boston. Children: i. *Mary A.*,[8] d. in 1860. ii. *Sarah M.*,[8] was adopted by her aunt, Emily J. Tilden; her name was changed to Elzina W. Tilden, and she m. Geo. F. Gay, of Norwich, Ct.

449. *Albert*,[7] b. Dec. 18, 1816; m. July 11, 1847, Emily L. Emerson, who was b. in Rockingham, Vt., June 12, 1823; they live in Boston. Children: i. *John A.*,[8] b. Sept. 7, 1848; lives in Hutchinson, Kansas. ii. *Emily E.*,[8] b. Jan. 23, 1854. iii. *Nellie E.*,[8] b. March 4, 1859.

450. *Emily J.*,[7] b. March 14, 1818; m. Nov. 8, 1842, Wm. M. Tilden, of E. Marshfield. He is a descendant of Peregrine White. They had no children, and adopted a dau. of her brother Warren.

451. *Elbridge*,[7] b. Aug. 14, 1820; m. Sept. 5, 1849, Martha Hewins, b. in Sharon, April 14, 1819. He is a merchant, and a Deacon of the Congregational Church in Quincy, Mass.; was at the Family Gathering in Northampton, and was one of the committee of arrangements for the second meeting; took an active part in all that related to these pleasant occasions. Children: i. *Georgiana H.*,[8] b. Aug. 19, 1850; d. Sept. 19, 1850. ii. *Abbie F. P.*,[8] b. Sept. 13, 1851; m. Oct. 21, 1873, Wm. H. Mitchell, of Quincy. iii. *Herbert E.*,[8] b. Dec. 1, 1853. iv. *George W.*,[8] b. Oct. 24, 1855. v. *Helen P.*,[8] b. Oct. 24, 1860; d. Aug. 5, 1861.

452. *George*,[7] b. July 6, 1824; lives in Auburn, Cal.; m. Jan. 22, 1852, Sarah Wells, who was b. in Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 2, 1830, and d. May 28, 1860. Children: i. *Elbridge*,[8] b. in Nevada, Cal., July 8, 1854. ii. *Frances Abigail*,[8] b. in Auburn, Cal., Feb. 11, 1857; d. in St. Joseph, Mo., March 4, 1869.

Two children of Samuel[6] and Abigail d. in infancy.

453. Reuben,[6] never married; he d. when about 21 years of age.

454. Hepzibah,[5] m. Liffee Smith, of Walpole, and had five children.

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JOSHUA[5] (*Joshua*,[4] *Joshua*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), eldest son of Joshua and Abigail (Bullard) Clapp, was born Sept. 7, 1729. He married Margaret Guild and settled in Walpole.

Children of Joshua and Margaret (Guild) Clapp, of Walpole:

455. Margaret,[6] b. June 12, 1750; m. Benjamin Petty.

+456. Joshua,[6] b. March 11, 1753.

457. Aaron,[6] b. Feb. 5, 1755; lived in Walpole; m. first, Lois Holmes; m. second, Abigail Whitman. Children by 1st wife:

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458. *Harmon*,[7] b. Dec. 31, 1774; d. at sea when about 21 years old.
459. *Pliny*,[7] b. Aug. 5, 1776; d. March, 1846. He was a respectable, industrious man, and for many years carried on the trucking business in Boston. He m. Esther Billings, of Sharon, who d. May, 1858. Children: **i.** *Bradish R.*,[8] b. in 1802; d. Aug. 18, 1872; m. Miss Hough. Was the latter part of his life Assistant Superintendent of Boston Institutions at Deer Island. **ii.** *Osborn*,[8] settled in Rio Grande, South America, and m. a Portuguese lady. **iii.** *Curtis*,[8] followed the sea; m. June 24, 1841, Eliza Ann Stevens. **iv.** *George Morey*,[8] b. about 1813; d. June 7, 1854; m. Aug. 25, 1846, Mary E. Doak.
460. *Aaron*,[7] b. in 1778; d. Aug. 1834, aged 56 years. He settled as a merchant in Baltimore, Md. He m. first, Miss Clark; second, Miss Hyde. Children: **i.** *Martha*,[8] m. Mr. Stone, in Baltimore. **ii.** *George*,[8] m. ..... in Baltimore. **iii.** *Sarah*,[8] m. George Hyde, of Charlestown, Mass.
461. *Lois*,[7] m. John Smith, of Boston.

Children of Aaron[6] by 2d wife:

462. *Charles*,[7] d. at sea when about 20 years old.
463. *Abigail*,[7] m. John Pitman, of Boston.
464. *Francis W.*,[7] was a pump- and block-maker by trade, and d. of the yellow fever the last time it prevailed in Boston, previous to 1843. He m. first, Susan W. Vose, in Boston, March 17, 1818. They had one child, *Susan*,[8] who m. some one in Milton. He m. second, June 3, 1825, Rebecca Dobel, of Boston.
465. *George*,[7] probably the George H. who m. June 18, 1818, Mary Bemis, of Weston, and who was a sail-maker in Charlestown, and worked in the Navy Yard.

466. Olive,[6] b. Feb. 22, 1757; m. John Boyden.
467. Eliphaz,[6] b. Sept. 3, 1760; lived in Walpole and m. Miss Boyden. Children:
468. *Nancy*,[7] b. March 6, 1783; m. a Mr. Jackson, of Walpole or Attleboro'.
469. *Eleanor*,[7] b. Aug. 16, 1784; m. Josiah Hall, of Walpole.
470. *Lydia*,[7] b. Aug. 3, 1786; m. Isaac Davis, of Maine.
471. *Eliphaz*,[7] b. May 4, 1788; m. Hannah Jones, and lived in Roxbury and Milton. Children: **i.** *Lewis J.*,[8] a cabinet-maker in Milton; m. July, 1847, Almira Jones, of Wayland. **ii.** *George W.*,[8] b. about 1821; a harness-maker in Milton. **iii.** *Edwin M.*,[8] a cabinet-maker in Milton; m. 2d wife, June 20, 1866, Rosalia H. Weld, and removed to Jamaica Plain. His widowed mother was living with him in 1874.
472. *Prudence*,[7] b. May 25, 1789; married Harmon Ruggles, of Wrentham.
473. *Comfort*,[7] b. March 12, 1793; married Harmon Marshall, of Roxbury.
474. *Bradford*,[7] b. May 9, 1796.

475. Asa,[6] b. March 26, 1763. Lived in New Marlboro', N. H.; m. Esther Allen and had one son:
476. *Allen*,[7] who was living in Roxbury in 1843.

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477. THOMAS,[6] b. May 19, 1766; m. Nancy Boyden, and lived in Walpole. Children:
478. *Catharine*,[7] b. May 29, 1801.
479. *Thomas*,[7] b. Nov. 28, 1805.
480. *Ollis*,[7] b. March 14, 1816; m. Abigail Scudder. Children: **i.** *Abby Ann*,[8] b. Aug. 4, 1840. **ii.** *Henry S.*,[8] b. Sept. 7, 1842.
481. OLIVER,[6] b. Sept. 6, 1768; lived in Walpole; m. Patience Copp. Children:
482. *Sophy*,[7] b. Sept. 27, 1790.
483. *Ollis*,[7] b. Dec. 21, 1792.
484. *Oliver*,[7] b. July 1, 1796.

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EBENEZER[5] (*Joshua*,[4] *Joshua*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), second son of Deacon Joshua and Abigail (Bullard) Clapp, was born Nov. 17, 1731. He was a Colonel and probably a Lieut.-Colonel in the Revolutionary War. He settled in Walpole, and married, first, Margaret ....., who died Jan. 30, 1775, aged 41. He married, second, Hepzibah ....., who died Feb. 11, 1827, aged 92 years. He died Oct. 20, 1817.

Children of EBENEZER and wife MARGARET CLAPP, of Walpole:

485. EBENEZER,[6] b. July 20, 1755; m. Elizabeth Bullard. Children:
486. *Jarvis*,[7] b. Dec. 27, 1789; formerly lived in Boston, and m. there Nov. 25, 1824, Mary F. Copeland. He is now dead, and a son *Charles G.*[8] d. in California, Oct. 5, 1860, aged 34.
487. *Edward*.[7]
488. *Eliphalet*.[7]
489. *Clary*,[7] a dau., b. July 1, 1793.
490. *Sewall*.[7]
491. DAVID,[6] b. Nov. 30, 1757.
492. THADDEUS,[6] b. Aug. 29, 1759; d. about 1840. He m. Polly Billings, of Mansfield. Children:
493. *Bradish*,[7] b. Jan. 25, 1784; m. Julia Smith, and lived in Walpole. No issue.
494. *Curtis*,[7] b. Sept. 4, 1795; probably not married.
495. *Ellis*,[7] b. Feb. 25, 1800; m. Adeline Kingsbury. Children: **i.** *Mary A.*,[8] b. May 20, 1824; m. Sept. 15, 1870, James A. Dupee, of Boston. **ii.** *Margaret*,[8] b. Dec. 19, 1837.
496. DANIEL,[7] b. July 7, 1762; he was a captain. He m. Vine Blake, who was buried May 7, 1852. Children:
497. *Maynard*,[7] b. April 6, 1794; m. Olive Turner, who on his decease m. Hon. Joseph Hawes. Children: **i.** *Josephine Amanda*.[8] **ii.** *Maynard Harrison*.[8]
498. *Amanda*,[7] d. Jan. 28, 1859; lived in Walpole, unmarried.

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ELIPHALET[5] (*Joshua*,[4] *Joshua*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), third son of Joshua and Abigail (Bullard) Clapp, was born in Walpole, where his life was spent, March 6, 1736. Wife Hannah.

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Children of ELIPHALET and wife HANNAH CLAPP, of Walpole:

499. BILLINGS,[6] b. Aug. 13, 1759; d. unmarried.

500. ELIPHALET,[6] b. Dec. 23, 1760; lived in Walpole. He m. Irene Bullard. Children:

501. *Harriet*,[7] b. Dec. 3, 1799.

502. *Charles*,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1803; m. Sarah ..... Children: **i.** *Fanny E.*,[8] b. Nov. 2, 1833; **ii.** *Charles W.*,[8] b. Oct. 28, 1835.

503. *Eliphalet B.*,[7] b. Feb. 22, 1810.

504. LUCY,[6] b. Nov. 30, 1762; m. Mr. Boyden.

505. BERIAH,[6] b. Dec. 31, 1764; d. about 1799; m. ..... Wise, who d. Dec. 1826. Perhaps removed to Middleboro'. He was cast away and lost his life on Seguin Ledge, off Kennebec River. Children:

506. *Billings*,[7] b. Oct. 24, 1790; d. Feb. 21, 1873, at Enfield, Me. He was a Methodist minister in Eddington, Me. He m. first, Jan. 6, 1817, Susan Shed, who d. Jan. 18, 1817; m. second, March 19, 1818, Emily Whitney, who was born in Harvard, Mass., Jan. 23, 1797, and d. Nov. 6, 1861; m. third, Nov. 2, 1863, Mrs. Lorintha M. Bussell, who was b. in Boxford, Mass., Feb. 21, 1840. Children by second wife: **i.** *Emily W.*,[8] b. Aug. 5, 1819; d. Oct. 6, 1820. **ii.** *Emily W.*,[8] b. Nov. 14, 1820; d. June 27, 1869. **iii.** *Levi W.*,[8] born Sept. 3, 1823; is a carpenter and contractor; he built ten stores in the burnt district of Boston in 1873; he m. first, Sept. 3, 1848, Mary A. Lewis, of Portland, who was b. Sept. 6, 1827, and d. Dec. 16, 1867, and had *William H.*,[9] b. June 5, 1849, and *Edward M.*,[9] b. June 12, 1851; he m. second, Oct. 1, 1868, Nancy E. Farmer, of Exeter, Me., who was b. Jan. 6, 1830, and had *George W.*,[9] b. Oct. 24, 1870, *Eva W.*,[9] b. Jan. 3, 1872, d. Sept. 7, 1872, and *Levi P.*,[9] b. Jan. 3, 1874. **iv.** *Susan S.*,[8] b. June 11, 1826; m. June 29, 1851, William Edgecomb, of Maine. **v.** *Nathaniel B.*,[8] b. Oct. 21, 1827; m. Sept. 13, 1855, Laura J. Newcomb; he is a carpenter in Boston. **vi.** *Billings*,[8] b. Feb. 16, 1829; m. June 14, 1861, Mary E. Messer, and has three children, *William*,[9] *Charles*[9] and *Ella*;[9] he is now living in Boston. **vii.** *Anne R.*,[8] b. Dec. 5, 1830; m. June 6, 1852, Hasket Severance. **viii.** *Sarah A.*,[8] b. July 8, 1832; unmarried. **ix.** *Mary E.*,[8] born March 1, 1834; m. Aug. 23, 1857, Daniel T. Knight, of Boston. **x.** *Lawson W.*,[8] b. Nov. 11, 1835; d. July 30, 1842. **xi.** *Lydia E.*,[8] b. March 9, 1837; m. Jan. 6, 1861, Orrin Harnden, of Me. **xii.** *Charles T. E.*,[8] b. April 25, 1841. **xiii.** *Laura J.*,[8] b. May 24, 1842; m. Nov. 21, 1872, Mr. Kelly of Boston. Children of Billings[7] by third wife: **xiv.** *Lena L.*,[8] b. Feb. 21, 1865. **xv.** *Joseph L.*,[8] b. May 6, 1867. **xvi.** *Lucy W.*,[8] b. April 8, 1869. **xvii.** *Samuel W.*,[8] b. Oct. 28, 1871.

507. *Nancy*,[7] m. Mr. Eddy, of Eddington, Me.

508. *Beriah*,[7] m. Sylvia Eddy, and lives in Eddington, Me.

509. SEWALL,[6] b. Jan. 16, 1768; m. Fanny Partridge.

510. MARY,[6] b. Sept. 6, 1769.

511. ABIGAIL,[6] b. Jan. 25, 1776; m. first, Mr. Boyden; second, Mr. Smith.

512. HANNAH,[6] m. Mr. Harding, and moved west.

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SAMUEL[5] (*Samuel*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), eldest son of Samuel and Mary Clapp, of Norton, was born Aug. 16, 1745. He lived in Norton, and married Lydia, daughter of Samuel Wilds, of that place. He died July 28, 1773, aged 28 years. After his decease, she married, second, Jacob Shepard, of Norton, and had children.

Children of SAMUEL and LYDIA (Wilds) CLAPP, of Norton:

+513. SAMUEL,[6] b. May 17, 1769.

514. OLIVER,[6] b. March 22, 1771; m. Lucinda Lincoln, who was b. Oct. 8, 1776, and settled in Petersham. Children:

515. *Oliver*,[7] b. Sept. 11, 1795; d. March 21, 1873. He m. Fidelia S. Geer, b. Apr. 11, 1799. Children: **i.** *Avery L.*,[8] b. June 6, 1824; moved to Youngsboro', Ala.; m. Ellen Houghton; four children. **ii.** *Alfred N.*,[8] b. June 24, 1828; d. Feb. 16, 1865; m. Harriet Cowan, and left two children; resided 16 years in Montgomery, Ala., and d. there. **iii.** *Charlotte L.*,[8] b. March 4, 1830; m. Charles M. Pierce; resides in Morris, Ill., and has five children. **iv.** *Charles G.*,[8] b. Jan. 12, 1834; settled in Norton; m. Jane G. Capen, and has four children. **v.** *Harriet A.*,[8] b. Aug. 27, 1838; lives in Aurora, Ill., unm. **vi.** *Lucy H.*,[8] b. Dec. 25, 1840; in Mansfield, 1873, unm. **vii.** *J. Henry*,[8] b. Oct. 30, 1845; in Mansfield, 1873, unm.

516. *Alanson*,[7] b. Sept. 6, 1797; removed to Michigan.

517. *George*,[7] b. July 22, 1799; m. and lived in Grafton, Mass.; had a daughter *A. M.*,[8] who m. Wm. H. Alden, and in 1870 lived in Utica, La Salle Co., Ill.

518. *Lucinda*,[7] b. March 14, 1802; m. Geo. Bosworth, of Petersham.

519. *Louisa*,[7] b. March 20, 1804; m. Timothy Smith; is now dead.

520. *Archibald*,[7] b. Dec. 12, 1807; d. young.

521. *Enos L.*,[7] b. Nov. 21, 1811; d. about 1870; he m. a Stockwell.

522. *Sally A.*,[7] b. Dec. 14, 1813; d. young.

523. *Sarah A.*,[7] b. Sept. 19, 1819; d. young.

524. *Shepard W.*,[7] b. May 26, 1824.

525. ICHABOD,[6] b. in 1773; m. in 1802, Betsey Smith, who was b. in Middleboro' in 1777, and d. March, 1845; they settled in New Bedford. Children:

526. *Adeline B.*,[7] b. in 1804; lives in New Bedford, unmarried.

527. *Eliza S.*,[7] b. 1809; m. in 1829, Dennis Wood, who was b. in Little Compton, R. I., in 1804. They settled in New Bedford.

528. *Abby J.*,[7] b. in 1812; m. April 11, 1871, Daniel Pettee, of Sharon, who was b. in 1805.

529. *Charles S.*,[7] b. in 1817; lived in New Bedford, unmarried.

530. *John S.*,[7] b. in 1820; m. Abby L. Pope in 1866, and lives in Acushnet; has a daughter *Jeannie M.*[8]

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NOAH[6] (*Samuel,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), second son of Samuel and Mary Clapp, of Norton, was born about 1747. He was a Deacon of the Baptist church in Norton. He married Olive Shepard, who died in 1845, aged nearly 91 years. He died Nov. 10, 1820, aged 73 years.

Children of NOAH and OLIVE (Shepard) CLAPP, of Norton:

531. MARY (or Polly),[6] b. May 14, 1777; d. May, 1833, unmarried.
532. SALMON,[6] b. Jan. 17, 1780; d. Oct. 1838. He lived in Braintree, and m. Eleanor Newcomb. Children:
    533. *Salmon Shepard,*[7] b. April 13, 1808; d. May 29, 1832, unm.
    534. *George,*[7] b. June 18, 1809; m. Jan. 25, 1831, Betsey Adams, and lived first in Quincy, then in Dorchester. Children: **i.** *Ann Maria,*[8] m. Frederic Ballou, May 4, 1871. **ii.** *George S.,*[8] m. Fannie W. Wild, Nov. 25, 1857. **iii.** *Josephine,*[8] m. James F. Lincoln, Oct. 28, 1858; they live in Neponset. **iv.** *Bessie A.,*[8] m. Lyman Gates, Oct. 25, 1860. **v.** *Henrietta,*[8] m. Daniel Wight, Oct. 27, 1863. **vi.** *L. Russell.*[8] **vii.** *Laura L.*[8] **viii.** *Marion.*[8] **ix.** *Emma.*[8]
    535. *Charles,*[7] b. Jan. 28, 1811; d. unm. February, 1849. Graduated at the head of his class, from Amherst, in 1832, and was afterwards employed as tutor in the college. He once kept a private school in Dorchester, and subsequently in Plymouth; afterwards he edited a newspaper in Quincy. Also studied law, and practised in Illinois.
    536. *Content,*[7] b. June 18, 1813; m. in 1833, Lysander Richards, of Comington, Mass., and had seven children, all but one of whom are now living. Hon. Lysander Richards served his town and district in both branches of the Mass. Legislature, and d. in Havana, Cuba, in 1852, where he had gone for his health.
    537. *Eleanor,*[7] b. Feb. 27, 1816; unm. in 1870.
    538. *Noah,*[7] b. Sept. 26, 1820; m. Louisa R. Stickney, of Andover, Mass., and settled in Wilmington. Six daughters.
    539. *Sarah Olive,*[7] b. July 3, 1823; m. in 1847, John S. Lyons, son of Dr. Joel Lyons, of Gill, Mass.; they live on Pleasant Street, Dorchester, in a house built by Seth Clapp, a descendant of NICHOLAS, in 1804. It was occupied for many years by John Amory, Esq., and stands on a portion of the land owned by David Clapp (great-grandson of NICHOLAS and father of Seth), which embraced a considerable portion of what was known as Jones's hill. Mr. Lyons is a stone contractor, doing business in Boston. They have six sons and one daughter.
    540. *Peter,*[7] b. March 12, 1825; moved to California about 1850; not m. in 1870.
541. ELIAS,[6] b. Jan. 18, 1782; d. May 12, 1865. Removed to Greenbush, N. Y., where he resided awhile; from thence he removed to Albany, N. Y. He m. Barsina Wilbur. Children:
    542. *Noah,*[7] m. and had five children.
    543. *Eliza Ann,*[7] m. and had five children.

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544. CONTENT,[6] b. Nov. 11, 1785; d. May 25, 1835, unmarried.
545. APOLLOS,[6] b. Feb. 27, 1787; d. Oct. 8, 1840. He lived in Dorchester and was a carpenter by trade; an enterprising and ingenious workman, and an honest man. He was a Colonel in the Massachusetts Militia. He lived in Neponset Village, and m. Hannah, dau. of Isaac Howe, of Dorchester, who d. April 12, 1854. Children:
  546. *Sarah Hannah*,[7] b. in 1819; m. Daniel Hayward, of Braintree, and had four children.
  547. *Mary Elizabeth*,[7] b. in 1826; m. Thomas J. Fitch, of New Hampshire, and had two children.
  548. *Charles Shepard*,[7] b. in 1831.
549. SARAH (or Sally),[6] b. Aug. 17, 1789; m. Elijah Spare, of Canton, Mass.; had eleven children, of whom three were alive in 1875; d. Dec. 14, 1863.
550. REUEL,[6] b. April 4, 1792; d. Jan. 1849; removed to Greenbush, N. Y. He m. three times, his first two wives being of Dutch descent and sisters. Children:
  551. *Oliver*,[7] m. and has a son.
  552. *Shepard*,[7] d. in 1842, not married.
  553. *Sarah*,[7] m. and has children.
  Reuel[6] had two children by his third wife.
554. NANCY,[6] b. Feb. 9, 1796; m. Thomas Williams, of Easton, Mass., and d. Oct. 3, 1868; had one son.

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DAVID[5] (*Jonathan*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Jonathan and ..... (Hewes) Clapp, was born in Norton, Aug. 30, 1744, and died Sept. 5, 1823, aged 79. When 15 years of age, he served in the old French War and went to Canada. A powder-horn, ingeniously and laboriously figured by himself, he brought home, and it has been preserved in his son George's family. On August 18, 1767 (aged 23), he married Miss Hannah King, who was born Sept. 22, 1748, and settled on the homestead. In August, 1778, he took a part in Gen. Sullivan's army, in the expedition against Newport, having a Lieutenant's commission. After the close of the war, he was Captain of the Militia of Norton, and his commission bore the signature of John Hancock. He represented the town in the State Legislature three different sessions, viz.: in 1794, 1799 and 1800. Was on the Board of Selectmen in 1792, '93, '94 and '95. His chief business was farming, in some of its departments. He kept many sheep, and the preparation of wool, with spinning, was an important industry in his well-managed household, fixing in industrious habits his six happy daughters. In person, David Clapp was tall, rather slender, with brown hair and blue or gray eyes. He is spoken of as having been an active, industrious, kind-hearted man. His son John in person represented him the nearest. Most, if not all, of his daughters possessed strong wills, and marked, honest characters, with but very little sentiment, though possessed of kind

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and sympathizing hearts. Mr. Clapp died of old age, accompanied with phthisis, and was buried in the old burying-ground of the town. His widow lived till March 18, 1839, dying at 91. She was of medium size, light complexion, with a very expressive gray eye.

Children of DAVID and HANNAH (King) CLAPP:

555. JONATHAN,[6] b. about 1772, and moved, rather late in life, to Hampton, Conn.; by trade a tin-plate worker. He m. first, Miss Wood, of Norton, who d. of consumption; second, about 1833, Temperance White. He d. rising 90 years of age. Children by first wife:

556. *James*,[7] m. first, Orilla Fields; they lived at Dead River, Me.; he m. second, Miss Green. Children by first wife: **i.** *Alvin*,[8] lives in Elkhorn, Wis.; m. ..... Viles and has one son and three daughters. **ii.** *Lovica C.*,[8] m. Elihu Leach, of Providence, R. I., and has six children. **iii.** *Clarinda Marilda*,[8] m. Jonathan W. Pratt, of Providence, and has three children. **iv.** *Nathaniel*,[8] m. Emeline Hooper of Anson, Me., and has one son, *Nathaniel F.*,[9] living in Boston in 1874. **v.** *William*,[8] m. Adeline Simmons, of Taunton, and has five children. **vi.** *Henry*,[8] m. Labrina A. Taylor, and lives in Concord, N. H. Child by second wife: **vii.** *Ai*,[8] m. ..... Lane.

557. *Silas*.[7]
558. *Artemas*.[7]
559. *Barham*,[7] d. young.
560. *Elsie*.[7]
561. *Rebecca*.[7]
562. *Hannah*.[7]
563. *David*.[7]
564. *Delight*,[7] b. in 1802; m. first, Feb. 6, 1820, Timothy Lincoln; second, April 11, 1830, Orin Hewitt, and had one child by first husband and six by second.
565. *Fanny*.[7]
566. *Emeline*.[7]

Children of Jonathan[6] by second wife:

567. *Cordana*.[7]
568. *David*.[7]
569. *Charles*.[7]

570. SARAH,[6] b. about 1774; m. James Godfrey, of Norton, and d. at a great age, leaving a son Nahum in Oldtown, Me.

571. GEORGE,[6] served some time at the painting business in Dorchester, but soon took the homestead in Norton off of his brother John's hands, and m. Esther Lincoln, of Taunton, Mass. About 1843, he sold the old homestead and removed to Providence, R. I., where for a short time he kept a store, but soon returned to Bristol Co., and took up his abode in Taunton. He d. in Easton, at rather an advanced age. Children:

572. *George*.[7]
573. *Thomas*,[7] m. in Winchendon; he and his sister Betsey d. in June, 1849, of consumption, and were both buried the same day.
574. *Eustis*,[7] probably d. young.
575. *Perez*.[7]
576. *David*.[7]
577. *Silas*.[7]
578. *Lavinia*,[7] m. a Mr. Burt, now dead; lives in Easton.
579. *Betsey*,[7] d. June, 1849.
580. *Hannah*.[7]

581. HANNAH,[6] m. Dr. S. Bates, of Norton; d. March 30, 1850, at an advanced age.

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582. MARGARET,[6] m. Mr. Fields, of Mansfield; d. about 1840.

583. TILEY,[6] m. Dr. Nathan Perry, of North Bridgewater; d. about 1835, of consumption. Three of her children d. of the same disease; one only lives, William Perry, of Brockton, Mass.

584. BETSEY,[6] b. Sept. 17, 1781; m. Calvin Lothrop, of Boston, a carpenter (6th generation from Mark Lothrop, the emigrant, of Bridgewater), and took up her residence in Boston, on the "Neck," so-called, near by the present location of the Cathedral. She and her sister Phebe were married at the same time, in May, either in 1805 or '06. The bridegrooms were cousins. Mrs. Lothrop subsequently resided in Brookline, Newton and Brighton; again in Boston, also at West Roxbury, and finally at West Medford. She had six children, three only of whom are now living. At 72 years of age, she had become totally blind from cataract of both eyes. Under the influence of ether, a painless operation was performed, which resulted successfully upon one eye. After this, she lived eighteen years with her son, David W. Lothrop, in West Medford, and d. suddenly, after an illness of a few days, on the 7th of September, 1871, lacking ten days of 90 years. Her remains lie beside those of her daughter Eliza, in Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford, and are indicated by a stone. Mrs. Lothrop was above the medium size, having brown hair, and the gray eye of her mother. In phrenological language, her head was very large and high, and her feelings strong. On matters within her own province, her opinions were decided, and she possessed much moral courage for their defence. Her will, or firmness, and conscientiousness, were marked, and her benevolence and frankness were characteristics worthy of imitation.

585. PHEBE,[6] m. Stillman Cobb, of Mansfield; d. 1872, in advanced life.

586. JOHN,[6] the youngest of the children, intended to keep the homestead of his father, but relinquished it to his brother George, learned the silver-smith business and went to the city of New York, where he married Miss Jackson; thence removed to Philadelphia. He had his name changed to Clark by an Act of the Legislature. He was successful in his business, and at middle age took a great interest in religion, acting as missionary, and sometimes preaching. He wrote some tracts and small religious books of the old Presbyterian character. He d. at Washington, D. C., aged over three-score and ten. He had four sons, only one of whom is now living. Henry James Clark, in 1848, took the degree of B.A. in the University of New York city, and the degree of B.S. at Harv. Univ. in 1854. Studied Biology under Louis Agassiz, and assisted him in the publication of his works. Delivered a course of lectures on the subject at the Lowell Institute, and published a book upon the subject.* He d. at

* The Eleventh Annual Report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College has the following notice on the death of Prof. Henry James Clark: "The public at large can with difficulty appreciate the loss to the College and to the world, resulting from the death of so accomplished a scientist in the very prime of life. He was pronounced by Professor Agassiz to be the most skilful and reliable microscopist in the country, and the evidence of his ability may be seen in the admirable illustrations made by him for Agassiz's Contributions to the Natural History of the United States. He was an indefatigable worker, and contributed numerous articles to scientific periodicals and the transactions of learned societies. The Smithsonian Institution has now in press a work from his pen, and another valuable manuscript nearly ready for publication will be completed by a distinguished scientific friend."

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Amherst, Mass., while holding the Professor's chair of Veterinary Science, in 1873, aged 48. Among his children are two sons, Zenas and Wallace. Thomas, younger brother of Henry James, pursued nearly the same course of study; they visited Europe together, and attended the lectures of Liebig, the celebrated chemist. Thomas has been a Professor of Chemistry, but is now settled in the city of New York as a physician.

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ASA[5] (*Abiel*,[4] *Samuel*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Abiel Clapp, of Walpole, was born in Mansfield, Mass., March 15, 1762, and died at his residence in Portland, Me., on the 17th of April, 1848. He was the second son of Abiel Clapp, Esq., a farmer of high respectability, but being deprived of his parents at an early age, he was left to his own exertions for advancement. As an incipient indication of the patriotism which characterized his whole after life, he gallantly volunteered, when very young, to act as a substitute for one who had been drafted for the expedition for the expulsion of the British Army from Rhode Island, was appointed a non-commissioned officer, and remained until honorably discharged, when he immediately proceeded to Boston, without even the advantage of acquaintances, and entered upon the adventurous life of a mariner, in which position in a brief period he distinguished himself; and having acquired distinction by the intelligence, enterprise and eminent skill he had evinced as a navigator, together with his wisdom, forecast and correct judgment, he obtained the command of a ship when he had just reached the era of manhood. He married Miss Eliza Wendell Quincy, of Boston, daughter of Jacob Quincy, a distinguished physician of that place, a lady of great personal attraction, a devoted and affectionate wife and mother, a sincere, exemplary Christian, kind and generous in all her social relations. She died Nov. 21, 1853, at the age of ninety years. After passing several years in the command of various ships, Asa finally established himself as a merchant in Portland, in the year 1798; gradually becoming largely interested in commerce, he acquired an extended reputation for the exactitude and perfection of all his business habits, securing to him a credit not only at home, but in foreign countries, which was unsurpassed by that enjoyed by any other American merchant of that day. When Congress laid a general embargo, Dec. 22, 1807, on the shipping in the ports and harbors of the United States, to preserve our neutrality, the honor of our flag, and the rights of sailors inviolate, Mr. Clapp was found among the firmest supporters of the national government, although the position he thus assumed was most adverse to his pecuniary interests. In the year 1811, he was a member of the Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This was previous to the separation of Maine. A large proportion of his wealth was involved in commercial enterprises, but when Congress, on the 4th of April,

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1812, laid an embargo on all the vessels within the waters of the United States, and a few months later war was declared between Great Britain and the United States, he gave government his warmest support; and when the national finances were seriously embarrassed, he came forward voluntarily and subscribed nearly one-half of the whole amount of his property to the loan to sustain the national credit. His residence, during the war, was a place of general resort for the officers of the army and navy, and the constant scene of generous hospitality that was not surpassed in New England. A corps of volunteers, composed of many of the most respectable and worthy citizens of Portland, was organized for the protection of the place against the fleet, which was committing numberless depredations between the Penobscot River and Eastport, and to this company Mr. Clapp speedily attached himself as a common soldier. Shortly after the close of the war in 1815, he engaged again in commerce, his vessels employed in the trade with Europe, the East and West Indies, and South America. In 1816, he was appointed, by the President of the United States, one of the commissioners to obtain subscriptions to the capital stock of the Bank of the United States, to which corporation he was the largest subscriber in Maine. During many years he participated in the direction of various banking institutions. Having been a strenuous advocate for the independence of Maine, he was elected one of the delegates of the convention which was holden in October, 1819, for forming the Constitution of Maine, and was conspicuous for the able manner in which he participated in the debates and the highly responsible duties which devolved on that important primary assembly of the delegates of the people. He was several years a Representative from Portland in the Legislature, and there was not a member who was listened to with more attention, or whose opinions upon all the various subjects that were presented for consideration, were more universally respected. When President Polk visited Portland in the year 1847, on learning that Mr. Clapp, then in the eighty-fifth year of his age, was confined to his house by illness, he immediately called, in company with the Hon. James Buchanan, then Secretary of State, and Commodore Stewart, to pay his respects to the venerable gentleman who had manifested so much devotion to the welfare of his country. Mr. Clapp briefly addressed the President, welcoming him to his residence.

Mr. Clapp possessed a mind, capacious, energetic and firm, capable of great application, and which was cultivated by study and a constant intercourse with the intelligent and the refined in all parts of the country. He was the kind patron of enterprising young men, and when satisfied of their integrity, he never hesitated granting them liberal credits, and was among the very first of creditors to offer liberal terms of adjustment when needed. His beneficence was expansive, and having acquired a very large fortune his means were ample for its gratification. So perfectly did he retain the energies of his

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mind, and that moral firmness for which he had been preëminently distinguished, that daily and up to less than an hour of his decease, he attended to the management of his property; and with such a system had he arranged his affairs, that at his decease there was only one small demand outstanding against him, which was for the daily paper, for which he was a subscriber, the year not having expired. As a Christian, he relied upon the promise of the Messiah for that life of heavenly immortality, which he believed a merciful God was ever ready to confer upon those who acknowledged His Divine power, and sought salvation with a contrite heart. On the 20th of April, 1848, the religious ceremonies at the funeral of Mr. Clapp were performed at his mansion house; there was an immense assemblage of relatives, friends and fellow-citizens. The exalted estimation in which this excellent citizen was held by the whole community was strikingly evinced by the mournful suspension of the flags of all the vessels in the harbor, and on the signal staffs of the Observatory, at half mast, and the vast concourse of people who thronged the streets, through which the large procession moved to the cemetery, where his remains were entombed.

The following obituary notice of Hon. Asa Clapp is from the *Portland Advertiser*, in April, 1848:

"The Hon. Asa Clapp died at his residence in Portland, on the 17th inst., in the 86th year of his age. He was born in Mansfield, Bristol Co., Massachusetts, on the 15th of March, 1762. He was the eldest son of Abiel Clapp, Esq., a farmer of high respectability, who filled what were then considered very important stations in the towns of New England, the offices of Magistrate, and the commander of the Military Company in that ancient municipality. Being deprived of his parents at an early age, he was left entirely dependent upon his own exertions for advancement. When only sixteen years old, he volunteered to act as a substitute for a young man who was drafted as a soldier in the expedition under Gen. Sullivan for the expulsion of the British Army from Rhode Island in 1778. He was immediately appointed a non-commissioned officer, and remained in service until the close of the campaign, when he went to Boston and commenced the adventurous life of a mariner in one of the numerous private armed vessels which were fitted out in all the northern ports. After several cruises, he entered as third officer in a large Letter of Marque, commanded by Capt. Dunn, in which, during three years, he made numerous successful voyages, and in the last returned as the first officer. He was in many desperate engagements, and in one of which he was severely wounded. He acquired such distinction by the intelligence, enterprise and eminent skill he had evinced as a navigator that he obtained command of a ship at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, when he had but just reached the era of manhood. He was at Port au Prince in the Island of St. Domingo when the attack was made upon that city by the negroes, and with Joseph Peabody, Esq., of Salem, then in the merchant service, rendered most essential aid to the white population, who were exposed to plunder and slaughter during that horrible servile convulsion. By many successful voyages, after becoming the owner of the vessels he commanded, he was enabled to establish himself

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as a merchant at Portland in 1796, where he continued to be one of the most fortunate and distinguished in Maine, until a few years before his decease, when, from indisposition, it became necessary to relinquish his commercial business. His navigation was so far extended that he had vessels employed in the trade with Europe, the East and West Indies and South America. There are few persons in New England who have built so many ships and employed so many mariners, mechanics and laborers in all the numerous branches of maritime industry as Mr. Clapp, or who have erected as many houses and stores, and done so much to promote the interest and prosperity of Maine. Before the separation of the State from Massachusetts, he was one of the councillors of the united Commonwealth. Having been a strenuous advocate for the independence of Maine, he was elected one of the delegates of the Convention, which was holden in Portland in October, 1819, for forming the Constitution; and was conspicuous for the able manner in which he participated in the laborious and highly responsible duties which devolved on that important primary assembly of the people. He was for several years a Representative from Portland in the Legislature, and his opinions on all subjects were universally respected. As a faithful patriot, he not only aided the government by loans, at a period when it was the most difficult to obtain them for a vigorous prosecution of the last war with Great Britain, in vindication of Free Trade and Sailors' Rights, but was a volunteer soldier in a corps of the most venerable citizens of the town, which was expressly organized for its defence against threatened invasion by the fleet and army, which had taken possession of the seacoast from the Penobscot to Eastport. He possessed a capacious and energetic mind, which was cultivated by study and a constant intercourse with the most intelligent and illustrious gentlemen of all parts of the country. Mr. Clapp was ever the kind patron of enterprising young men, and when satisfied with their integrity, he never hesitated to grant them liberal credits, without regard to their immediate means of payment, on the sale of the great variety of merchandise which he was constantly importing from all parts of the globe; and whenever there was experienced any of the disastrous revulsions in the commercial community which involve individual embarrassment, he was among the very first of the creditors to offer liberal terms of adjustment to those who were unable to meet the accumulated demands made upon them. His beneficence was as expansive, having acquired a very large fortune, as his means were ample for its gratification, and to perpetuate his deep interest for the amelioration of the condition of the unfortunate, he has left a fund of eight thousand dollars for the education and relief of female orphan children, and four thousand dollars for furnishing fuel to unfortunate widows and other poor women. Such remarkable exemplifications of the salutary influence and the great advantages to be derived from activity of character, indomitable perseverance, rectitude of principle and honorable deportment are as instructive to the rising as they were encouraging to the various generations which have succeeded since he assumed a position worthy of their imitation. So perfectly did he retain the energies of his mind, and that moral firmness for which he had been preëminently distinguished, that daily, and up to within less than an hour of his decease, he attended to the management of his vast property with the same calmness and exactitude as when in the full vigor of health, although entirely conscious that his end was near."

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Children of Asa and Elizabeth Wendell (Quincy) Clapp, of Portland, Me.:

587. Elizabeth W. C.,[6] m. Levi Woodbury, of New Hampshire. He has been Judge of the Supreme Court, Member of the Legislature and Governor of the State, Secretary of the Navy and Treasury, Senator in Congress, and Judge of the United States Supreme Court. They had five children: Charles Levi, who was U. S. District Attorney for Massachusetts, under the administration of President Buchanan; Mary E., who m. Montgomery Blair; Frances Ann, who m. Archibald H. Lonery; Virginia L., who m. Gustavus V. Fox; and Ellen C. De Q.
588. Frances B.,[6] m. first Rev. G. W. Olney; second, S. R. Brooks, of New York. She had one daughter, Frances, who m. Gardiner Frye.
589. Charles Quincy,[6] lived in Portland; m. Julia O., daughter of Gen. Joshua Wingate, of Bath. He was member of the Legislature and of the City Government of Portland, Director of Railroads and Banks, &c. Children:
590. *Julia E. D.*,[7] m. John B. Carroll, they having four children.
591. *Georgiana W.*,[7] m. Winthrop G. Ray, and had one daughter.
592. Mary J. G.,[6] m. Andrew L. Emerson, first Mayor of Portland. They had two children: Mary O., who m. Horace Brooks; and Andrew L.
593. Asa Wm. H.,[6] lives in Portland; m. Julia M., daughter of Gen. Henry A. S. Dearborn, of Roxbury, Mass. He was elected Member of the U. S. Congress in 1847; Director of various Public Institutions, &c. &c. He has one daughter:
594. *Mary J. E.*[7]

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EBENEZER[5] (*Ebenezer*,[4] *John*,[3] *Increase*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), oldest son of Ebenezer and Mary (Winslow) Clapp, was born in Rochester, Mass., in 1734. He married Lucy Sprague. He died in 1770.

Children of Ebenezer and Lucy (Sprague) Clapp, of Rochester:

595. Lucy,[6] m. Stephen Wing, and lived and d. in Vermont.
596. Polly,[6] b. in 1759; m. Elisha Ruggles.
597. Ebenezer,[6] d. young.
598. Nathaniel,[6] b. in 1766; d. in 1829. He m. Mercy Burgess, of Wareham, who d. in 1866, aged 90 years. Children:
599. *Ebenezer*,[7] b. Dec. 31, 1796; d. Dec. 4, 1822. He was a graduate of Burlington College, Vt.
600. *Mary*,[7] b. Dec. 11, 1798; m. Capt. Joseph Church, and d. Oct. 13, 1832.
601. *Keziah*,[7] twin sister to Mary, b. Dec. 11, 1798; m. Dea. John H. Clark.
602. *Lucy*,[7] b. June 18, 1801; d. Nov. 25, 1819.
603. *William*,[7] b. July 3, 1803; lives in Rochester; m. Nov. 4, 1832, Sophia D. Athern. Children: **i.** *Mary E.*,[8] b. Oct. 8, 1833. **ii.** *William B.*,[8] b. May 4, 1835; d. May 7, 1860. **iii.** *Nathaniel P.*,[8] b. July 6, 1837. **iv.** *Charles A.*,[8] b. Sept.

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11, 1839; d. Dec. 5, 1858. v. *Joseph H.*,[8] b. Jan. 4, 1844. vi. *Harriet S.*,[8] b. April 17, 1846. vii. *George A.*,[8] b. Oct. 18, 1850.

604. *Charles*,[7] b. Jan. 20, 1806; d. in 1860. He settled in New Orleans, and was never married.

605. *Martha C.*,[7] b. March 24, 1809; unmarried.

606. *Nathaniel*,[7] b. July 29, 1811; d. March 29, 1849. He m. Jane Demmings, and had *Martha J.*[8]

607. *Marcia B.*,[7] b. May 19, 1816; m. Capt. Joseph Church.

608. KEZIAH,[6] m. Stephen Luce.

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EARL[5] (*Ebenezer*,[4] *John*,[3] *Increase*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Ebenezer and Mary (Winslow) Clapp, was born April 21, 1741. He was a soldier in the old French War. He took a very prominent part in the affairs of the town of Rochester, where he lived, his name appearing on several committees appointed by the town during the troublous times of the Revolution. His first services in the war of the Revolution were as Captain of a Company of Minute Men. Afterwards he was appointed Major in the army, and served through the war, bearing the character of a brave and energetic man. It appears by the town records that he lived in Woodstock, Ct., in 1801 and '02. There was once a difficulty between him and Rev. Mr. Moore, of Rochester, out of which grew a law-suit. Major Clapp was a leading member of the church, and the difficulty between them was concerning church matters. Major Clapp received a pension of $560 per year from the U. S. Government during the latter part of his life. He died in 1835, aged about 94 years. Major Earl married, first, Sarah, daughter of Jeremiah How, who was the mother of all his children; his 2d wife was widow Phebe Dutch.

Children of Major EARL and SARAH (How) CLAPP, of Rochester, Mass.:

609. JEREMIAH,[6] b. April 20, 1762; d. Nov. 11, 1817. He m. Polly Briggs, and settled in Woburn. He was styled "Major" as early as 1792. He was an influential citizen of the town, and an active and useful member of the First Parish.

Major Clapp lived in the large, three-story house in Central Square, at Woburn, known as the "Clapp Mansion," which he built in 1807, and which was standing until a recent date. At the time of its erection, a lamentable accident took place, which veiled the whole community with sorrow, and was ever after remembered by those living in Woburn at the time. Mr. William R. Cutter, of that town, published in the *Woburn Journal* for Feb. 6, 1869, a full account of the catastrophe, from which we glean the following items: As usual in those days, a large gathering took place at the "raising" of this house, which was more generally participated in, from the fact that Major C. was a man of wealth and importance, the building of more than ordinary dimensions, and the concluding entertainment expected to be on

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a correspondingly large and hospitable scale. As the two ends of the house were to be of brick, the two sides, completely framed in heavy timber, were raised at once, and being improperly supplied with braces, when the timbers for the top of the structure were put in place, and thirty or more men were at work upon it, the whole fell with a tremendous crash. Two men were instantly killed, another died before the next morning, a fourth man during the week, and thirty or forty individuals, "the strong men of our town," as they were called, were wounded in a great variety of ways—some lingering for months and even years before death released them from their sufferings, some crippled for life, and others gradually recovering from their injuries. The funeral of the three first mentioned was held in the Third Meeting-house, and the Rev. Joseph Chickering, the pastor, preached an appropriate discourse from Job i. 19: "And behold there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee." The gravestones of three of the unfortunate victims are found in the Second Burying-ground in Woburn, says Mr. Cutter, "with inscriptions uniquely descriptive of their several virtues, and eulogistic of the merit thus untimely lost to the town."*

Mrs. Clapp d. Nov. 15, 1792. The following is the inscription upon her gravestone, in the Second Burying-ground at Woburn Centre:—

To
perpetuate
the
memory
of
Mrs. Polly Clapp,
wife of
Maj. Jeremiah Clapp,
who died with y^e^ small-pox
Nov. 15, 1792,
ætat. 25.

Had virtue's charms the power to save,
And free her votaries from the grave,
This stone had ne'er possessed the fame
Of being marked with Polly's name.

There is a marble stone over Major C.'s grave, near by, with a plain inscription:—

In Memory of
Mr. Jeremiah Clapp,
who died Nov. 11, 1817,
aged 55 years.

* The following account of this disaster appeared in the *Columbian Centinel*, Boston, Saturday, July 18, 1807:

"*Melancholy Accident.*—On Monday last [July 14th, 1807] the frame of a house belonging to Major *Clap*, of *Woburn*, was raised, and when nearly completed, the whole fell, and

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Major Jeremiah Clapp and wife left no sons, but they had three daughters, who were married, and one, *Mary B.*,[7] unmarried, d. in Fairhaven, Aug. 1856. One daughter was named *Sarah How*.[7] Another, *Susan*,[7] was engaged in the establishment of the First Church Sunday School in Woburn, in 1818; opened the first meeting of the school with prayer, and was its first Superintendent. She was Pres. of the Ladies' Char. Reading Soc. Woburn; m. Oct. 9, 1819, John Reed, of Charleston, S. C.

610. SETH,[6] b. Jan. 22, 1764; followed the sea as master of a vessel; after starting on his last voyage, he was never heard from; undoubtedly lost at sea. He lived in Woodstock, Conn., and m. Charlotte Burden, who d. July 13, 1833, aged 71 years. Chil.:
    611. *Lothrop*.[7]
    612. *Sydney*,[7] a dau., m. Oliver Holt, of Abington, Ct.
    613. *Sally*,[7] m. July 7, 1809, Asa Burnham, of Abington, Ct., who d. at Palmer, Mass., Aug 29, 1849, aged 61 yrs. They had seven children.
    614. *Betsey*,[7] b. in 1793; d. Aug. 31, 1866. She m. William Sweet and had two children. They lived in Plainfield, Conn.
    615. *Charlotte*,[7] b. in 1795; d. Aug. 31, 1864, unmarried.
    616. *James*,[7] made his home in Boston, and for many years sailed as master of the Brig Cordelia between Boston and Cuba, in the employ of Benj. Burgess & Sons. He was distinguished for his care and attention to his sailors. He m. in Boston, June 18, 1829, Eliza Holland. Children: i. *Adaline E.*,[8] b. May 10, 1832. ii. *James H.*,[8] b. July 15, 1834.
    617. *Almira*,[7] m. first, Hezekiah Crandall, of Canterbury, Conn.; second, Mr. Burgess.

618. ZEBEDEE,[6] b. Oct. 18, 1765; d. July 24, 1799; lived in Woodstock, Ct., and died of a cancer in the leg.

619. SUSAN,[6] b. Aug. 7, 1767; d. May 10, 1838; m. Rev. Samuel Mead, who d. March, 1818, aged 51 years. One of the children, Abbie, long a teacher, gave much valuable information in relation to the family.

620. SALLY,[6] b. Oct. 20, 1769; d. July 6, 1862, aged 92 years. She m. Esek Preston and had ten children.

621. EARL,[6] b. Aug. 2, 1772; was a physician, and after practising awhile in N. Hampshire and Mass., settled in Abingdon, Va., m. Elizabeth Craig, of that place, and had three sons and two daughters. He lived to a good old age.

622. ELISHA,[6] b. July 24, 1774; m. in Rochester, and afterwards removed to Utica, in the State of New York, that part of the State being then a wilderness. He had a family, but nothing has ever been learned about them.

623. BETSEY,[6] b. May 21, 1776; d. Sept. 13, 1813. She m. Nathaniel Briggs, of Rochester, and had seven sons and three daughters.

624. BETHIAH,[6] b. Sept. 23, 1778; m. Alvin Bacon and lived in Woodstock, Ct.; had three daughters; she lived to the age of 87 yrs.

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killed two persons immediately on the spot—one died the night following; sixteen were wounded, some it is feared mortally. The persons killed were Messrs. *Samuel Wright*, *Joshua Richardson* and *John Lyman*."

Nathan Parker died of the wound he received, on Sunday, July 19, 1807; hence he is not mentioned in this account in the *Centinel* of the day previous.—[W. R. CUTTER.]

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625. ABIGAIL,[6] b. Aug. 12, 1782; d. May 5, 1803. She m. Eleazer Brown, and d. a year or two after, leaving one daughter.

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INCREASE[5] (*Benjamin,*[4] *John,*[3] *Increase,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Benjamin Clapp, of Rochester, was born in Rochester, Feb. 27, 1740. He moved to Tolland, Conn., where he died May 24, 1801, having suffered very much with rheumatism the latter part of his life. He married Bethiah Winslow, who was born Feb. 2, 1749, and died March 15, 1825.

Children of INCREASE and BETHIAH (Winslow) CLAPP, of Tolland, Conn.:

626. JONATHAN,[6] b. Sept. 24, 1770; d. Nov. 26, 1774.

627. EUNICE,[6] b. Sept. 6, 1772; m. in 1807, Eleazer Steele, of Bolton, Conn.

+628. STEPHEN,[6] b. Oct. 2, 1774; d. Aug. 14, 1854.

629. JONATHAN,[6] b. Dec. 20, 1776; d. Jan. 2, 1820. He m. and settled in Windsor, O. Children:

630. *Ichabod,*[7] lives in Windsor, O. Children: **i.** *Milo.*[8] **ii.** *Jane.*[8] **iii.** *Elberton.*[8] **iv.** *Carol.*[8] **v.** *Dette.*[8]

631. *Bethiah,*[7] m. Mr. Hitchcock, and in 1870 was living in Illinois. Two other daughters of Jonathan[6] are dead.

632. KEZIAH,[6] b. Jan 22, 1779; d. March 21, 1813. She m. Ashbel Harvey, of Tolland, Conn.

633. BENJAMIN,[6] b. May 11, 1781; d. Sept. 1845. He settled in North Argyle, N. Y., where he died. Issue:

634. *William,*[7] m. and lives on the old farm at North Argyle, N. Y. Children: **i.** *Benjamin D.,*[8] is a Cashier of a Bank in Plattsburgh, N. Y. **ii.** *Louisa W.,*[8] m. Mr. Shields, and lives in Belcher, Washington Co., N. Y. **iii.** *Emalin.*[8] **iv.** *Lucy H.*[8] **v.** *Abigail.*[8] **vi.** *Juliaette.*[8]

635. INCREASE,[6] b. April 6, 1783; d. Feb. 8, 1859. He removed to East Windsor Hill, Conn., in 1808; m. Nov. 26, 1807, Polly Spencer, who was b. July 2, 1786, and d. at East Windsor, Ct., Dec. 27, 1835. Children:

636. *Ebenezer Spencer,*[7] b. April 12, 1809. Settled in Windsor, Ct., and m. April 17, 1832, Sophia, dau. of Daniel and Huldah Pinney, who was b. Feb. 23, 1813. Children: **i.** *Julius Spencer,*[8] b. Aug. 1, 1833; he is living in Brunswick, Me.; m. Aug. 10, 1856, Adelaide C. Gleason, and has: (1) *Carrie S.,*[9] b. Oct. 11, 1858; (2) *Julia Ella,*[9] b. Feb. 7, 1861; (3) *Anna J.,*[9] b. March 31, 1863; (4) *Grace P.,*[9] b. Oct. 10, 1865. **ii.** *Martha Sophia,*[8] b. Aug. 2, 1837. **iii.** *Sarah Morris,*[8] b. Sept. 13, 1839; m. July 14, 1862, Eli P. Ellsworth, a merchant of Windsor, Ct., and had three children in 1870. **iv.** *Mary Spencer,*[8] b. Sept. 28, 1845.

637. *John Selden,*[7] b. March 7, 1814; settled in Windsor, Ct.; m. May 12, 1840, Julia Talcott, b. in Glastenbury, Conn., Sept. 19, 1819. Children: **i.** *Charlotte Talcott,*[8] b. April 23, 1841. **ii.** *Charles Spencer,*[8] b. March 30, 1846; m. Nov. 27, 1872,

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Mary Ellen, dau. of Edward and Mary Ann (Parsons) Dexter, b. Dec. 1, 1849. iii. *Alfred Selden*,[8] b. April 5, 1851. iv. *Elvira Charlton*,[8] b. Oct. 25, 1853.

638. *George O.*,[7] b. April 26, 1816. He settled in Windsor, Ct., and m. May 10, 1843, Harriet S., dau. of Elisha and Fanny Bowen, formerly of Weathersfield, Vt., who was born July 3, 1823. Children: i. *Elisha B.*,[8] b. Feb. 3, 1844. ii. *Mary Frances*,[8] b. Jan. 22, 1847; d. Feb. 26, 1849. iii. *George Increase*,[8] b. July 13, 1857. iv. *Henry M.*,[8] b. Aug. 2, 1868.

639. *Carlos West*,[7] b. Dec. 14, 1824; m. Oct. 26, 1853, Caroline J., dau. of Robert and Cynthia (Cohoon) Thompson, who was b. Feb. 22, 1825. Settled in Windsor, Ct. Children: i. *Carlos M.*,[8] b. July 22, 1854; d. Jan. 15, 1860. ii. *Inez C.*,[8] b. April 29, 1856; d. May 21, 1859. iii. *Carrie T.*,[8] b. May 11, 1860. iv. *Minnie Louise*,[8] b. March 13, 1862.

640. *Increase Butler*,[7] b. April 8, 1827; lives in Hartford, Conn., and m. April 30, 1850, Fannie Skinner, b. Dec. 28, 1827. Children: i. *Edwin Carlos*,[8] b. May 16, 1851. ii. *George W.*,[8] b. Jan. 28, 1856. iii. *Anna S.*,[8] b. June 18, 1859. iv. *Albert Butler*,[8] b. Oct. 3, 1862. v. *Walter I.*,[8] b. May 31, 1871.

641. *George*,[7] d. young.

642. *Charles*,[7] d. young.

643. *Mary*,[7] d. young.

644. John,[6] b. Aug. 25, 1785; d. Aug. 23, 1786.

645. John,[6] b. May 14, 1787; resides in Salem, N. Y. He is a physician, though (in 1871) quite infirm. Children:

646. *Benjamin*,[7] m. and lives in Salem, N. Y. Children: i. *John M.*[8] ii. *Keziah*,[8] m. James Haggart.

647. *Marvin*,[7] m. and lives in Saratoga, N. Y. Children: i. *Theodore W.*[8] ii. *Phebe*.[8]

648. Catharine,[6] b. Sept. 4, 1789; d. April 23, 1842. She m. John Bamp (or Banup), and settled in Hebron, N. Y.

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MICHAEL[5] (*Samuel*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), eldest son of Samuel and Sarah (Curtis) Clapp, of Scituate, was born Nov. 27, 1726. He lived in Scituate, and married Nov. 20, 1758, Sarah Lambert, probably the one who died June 16, 1812, at the age of 91 years.

Children of Michael and Sarah (Lambert) Clapp, of Scituate:

649. Michael,[6] b. Oct. 15, 1760; lived in Scituate, and m. March 11, 1790, Eunice Sylvester, of Scituate. Children:

650. *Michael T.*,[7] lived in Scituate; m. Hannah Wilder. Children: i. *Michael*,[8] b. Nov. 12, 1825; ii. *Hannah W.*,[8] b. Aug. 6, 1827.

651. *James S.*,[7] b. about 1794; m. Elizabeth Bates, and lived in Scituate. Children: i. *Helen*,[8] b. Nov. 25, 1828. ii. *James H.*,[8] b. March 9, 1831. iii. *Davis*,[8] b. Dec. 2, 1833. iv. *Eunice*,[8] b. April 27, 1836.

652. *Eunice*,[7] m. David Bowker, of Scituate.

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653. *Sarah*,[7] unm., and subject to mental derangement.
654. JAMES,[6] probably the one who m. Nancy Hassell in Boston, Feb. 18, 1795.

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WILLIAM[5] (*Samuel*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born Dec. 3, 1733. He married Priscilla Otis, who died at the advanced age of 95 years. He probably lived in Scituate, and died at about the age of 74 years.

Children of WILLIAM and PRISCILLA (Otis) CLAPP, of Scituate:

655. WILLIAM,[6] b. May 26, 1768; d. Aug. 14, 1811. He was a dry goods merchant in Boston, and for a time transacted as much business in that line, probably, as any person in Boston. He m. Sarah Smith, who d. aged 79 years. Children:
   656. *William*,[7] b. Nov. 11, 1789; d. unmarried, Dec. 17, 1811, aged 22; always an invalid.
   657. *Caroline*,[7] b. Nov. 7, 1791; d. in January, 1875, unmarried. She was a person of strong peculiarities, of a kind heart and good disposition, which manifested itself in her love for children. Wherever she was living she took it upon herself to amuse them, and often indulged them to their injury. While she was especially fond of the young, she was always willing to help all. She had a fine memory, and, until a few years previous to her death, was a genealogical history in herself, giving correctly dates of birth and death, and many interesting anecdotes of her ancestors.
   658. *Sarah Eliza*,[7] b. Feb. 14, 1793; m. in 1812, John Wetherbee, and has four children: John, who m. Louisa A., dau. of William Beals, proprietor of the Boston Post; Sarah Emeline, who m. Albert T. Elliot, of Providence, R. I.; Adeline, who m. James M. Keith, attorney at law in Boston; and William, who m. first, Cornelia Simmons, second, Madam Van Zandt, of New York City.
   659. *Frederick*,[7] b. April 10, 1794; d. Dec. 9, 1868, aged 74 yrs. 8 mos. He m. first, Sept. 18, 1817, Adeline Luce; second, Oct. 22, 1823, Nancy Thorndike Doggett. He was in active business in Boston for over fifty years, at first on Exchange Street in the grocery business; afterwards commenced the wooden ware business in Dock Square, and was the pioneer of this particular branch, being the first legitimate wooden ware dealer in Boston. He soon after associated himself with Daniel Cummings on South Market Street, where they did a successful business in the same line of trade until 1867, when he withdrew from that firm and went into the metal trade with his son George Walter, who now carries on the business. He was an earnest christian man, joining the Baldwin Place Baptist Church in the time of Dr. Baldwin; was a firm believer in a "higher christian life," and that he should never be satisfied with that whereunto he had already attained, but desired continually to "press toward the mark

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for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He was always very earnest to have the genealogy of the Clapp Family published, and he frequently urged the author to put his manuscript volumes in print. Children by first wife: **i.** *Adeline Luce*,[8] b. Oct. 16, 1818; m. George G. Hook, organ builder, of Boston, and has had five children: George Franklin, Adeline Maria, Frederick Clapp, William Greenleaf and Maria Corinne. **ii.** *Sarah Maria*,[8] b. July 23, 1821; m. Walter D. Briggs, of Bristol, R. I., and has had six children: Mary Williams, Sarah Adeline, Lizzie Williams, Walter Dean, Louisa Bertha and Lemuel Williams. Children by second wife: **iii.** *Frederick*,[8] b. Aug. 11, 1824; d. June 16, 1863; m. Lois S. Evans, and had three children: *Mary Cook*,[9] *Fannie Lois*[9] and *Emma C.*[9] **iv.** *James Knowles*,[8] b. Nov. 21, 1826; d. Oct. 18, 1828. **v.** *Elizabeth Doggett*,[8] b. June 9, 1830; unmarried. **vi.** *Edward Augustus*,[8] b. April 28, 1834; m. Ellen M. Wheelock, and has *Anna Louise*.[9] **vii.** *Mary Cook*,[8] b. May 22, 1839; d. May 8, 1851. **viii.** *George Walter*,[8] b. June 10, 1841; a merchant in Boston, and lives in Cambridge; m. May 9, 1871, Emma C. Hinman, a lineal descendant of Sergeant Edward Hinman, of England, and has *Frederick*,[9] b. Feb. 25, 1872. **ix.** *Annie Isadora*,[8] b. Aug. 5, 1845; m. June 7, 1870, Albert I. Sands, and has three children: Frederick Ivory, Annie Thorndike and Sumner R. M.

660. *Edward*,[7] b. March 5, 1795; d. unm. Feb. 6, 1820, a. 25 yrs., in Mobile, Alabama. He kept a shoe store for some time on Washington Street, opposite the Old South Church.

661. *Hannah Mary*,[7] b. March 5, 1796; d. Nov. 15, 1797.

662. *George*,[7] b. July 8, 1797; d. Nov. 6, 1815, in Boston, unm.

663. *Barney*,[7] b. Aug. 2, 1798; d. in 1829, at New Orleans, La., aged 31 years. He m. Eliza B. Hall, of Boston, Oct. 17, 1826. Children: **i.** *James Hall*,[8] b. in 1827; at one time a broker in Boston, but now connected with the John Hancock Insurance Co., and lives in Newtonville; m. first, Sept. 29, 1851, Ann Caroline Taylor, of Boston, who d. March 3, 1860, leaving one child, *Edith*,[9] b. Aug. 4, 1852; m. second, Oct. 8, 1863, Harriet B. Foster, of Waltham, and has *Gilmer*,[9] b. Nov. 4, 1864, and *Lyndon*,[9] b. Aug. 13, 1874. **ii.** *Catharine Davis*,[8] b. about 1829; d. in 1834.

664. *Harriet*,[7] b. Jan. 27, 1800; d. unm. in 1835. She showed great taste and skill as an artist, leaving, as evidence of this talent, twenty or thirty paintings, some of rare merit.

665. *Hannah Barney*,[7] b. Jan. 20, 1801; d. unm. May, 1871, aged 70 years. A woman of many accomplishments, educated in music and other fine arts, apt in all branches of handy work. Proud spirited in her early womanhood, until she had become mentally and physically impaired several years previous to her death.

666. *Henry Augustus*,[7] b. April 18, 1802; d. unm. in Boston, Jan. 11, 1819, aged 17 years.

667. *Emeline*,[7] b. Nov. 8, 1803; d. unm. in 1833, aged 30 years.

668. Otis,[6] b. Oct. 29, 1769; d. Sept. 22, 1842. He was a carpenter by

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trade; lived and died in Charlestown, Mass. He left a handsome property. He m. first, Oct. 8, 1799, Elizabeth Hills, d. Jan. 28, 1806, a. 30 yrs.; m. second, Dec. 7, 1807, Sally Newell, d. in 1816; m. third, Feb. 20, 1825, Mrs. Eliza S. Larkin, d. Jan. 12, 1871, a. 73 yrs. Children by first wife:

669. *Elizabeth Ann*,[7] b. Sept. 3, 1800; d. Sept. 9, 1801.

670. *Otis*,[7] b. Feb. 12, 1802; lived in Charlestown, unmarried; d. May 26, 1870.

671. *John Hills*,[7] b. Feb. 20, 1803; d. July 1, 1875. He lived in Charlestown, and was highly respected by all who knew him, his funeral being largely attended by friends and by members of the two Charlestown lodges of the I. O. O. F., in which he had held the highest offices. He m. March 15, 1831, Sarah, dau. of Col. Isaac Smith, of Charlestown, and had one daughter, *Sarah Elizabeth*,[8] b. Dec. 17, 1835, d. March 12, 1836.

672. *Lucinda*,[7] b. Dec. 28, 1805; m. Dec. 9, 1835, Richard Williams.

Child of Otis[6] by second wife:

673. *Elizabeth Ann*,[7] b. Feb. 10, 1813; lives in Charlestown, unm.

674. ALLEN,[6] b. Oct. 6, 1771; d. May 31, 1827. He was a carpenter by trade, but devoted most of the latter part of his life to farming. He lived in Scituate, and m. Jan. 21, 1807, Charlotte Bowker. Children:

675. *Lucy*,[7] b. Jan. 9, 1808; m. Jan. 13, 1828, Joseph, son of Perkins Clapp (No 286).

676. *Charlotte*,[7] b. April 9, 1809; d. unmarried, Feb. 25, 1865.

677. *Allen*,[7] b. Sept. 7, 1812; d. Sept. 21, 1870. He was baptized William, but his name was altered after the death of his brother Allen. He lived in Scituate, and m. Nov. 16, 1842, Deborah A. (No. 751), dau. of Nathaniel Clapp. Children: **i.** *Eugene Howard*,[8] b. Oct. 11, 1843. Is in active business in Boston as a dealer in metals; has been zealously engaged in the promotion of temperance; assisted in the Family Gathering at Northampton, in 1870, and in that of 1873 rendered valuable aid on the Committee of Arrangements. His interest in the publication of this Memorial has been manifested in various ways. He m. Dec. 21, 1870, Sarah R. Graves. Children: (1) *Eugene H.*,[9] b. Sept. 28, 1872; (2) *William Allen*,[9] b. April 7, 1875. **ii.** *Erstine Follen*,[8] b. June 3, 1846. **iii.** *George A.*,[8] b. Jan. 11, 1849. **iv.** *Arthur W.*,[8] b. Dec. 1, 1858. **v.** *Antoinette*,[8] b. Dec. 22, 1862.

678. *Anna B.*,[7] b. Jan. 2, 1815; d. Dec. 22, 1839, aged 25 years. She m. Nov. 25, 1838, Nathaniel B. Clapp (No. 750), of Scituate.

679. *Mary B.*,[7] b. Jan. 15, 1817; m. April 3, 1842, for a second wife, Nathaniel B. Clapp, husband of her sister Anna B., deceased. She d. July 2, 1871.

680. *Lucretia*,[7] b. June 15, 1819; m. Oct. 24, 1858, E. B. Whitman, of Kansas; has one child.

681. *Helen*,[7] b. May 12, 1821; m. Jan. 7, 1858.

682. *Julia*,[7] b. May 11, 1823; m. Nov. 9, 1872, for his third wife, Nathaniel B. Clapp, husb. of her sister Mary B., deceased.

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683. *Allen J.*,[7] b. July 5, 1825; d. March 5, 1827.
684. NANCY,[6] b. April 18, 1773: m. Daniel G. Wheeler, of Worcester, and d. in Worcester, about 1835.
685. MARTIN,[6] b. Dec. 25, 1774; was in the dry goods business in Boston; subsequently an auctioneer; d. in Charlestown, unmarried.
686. PRISCILLA,[6] b. Nov. 10, 1777; m. (published July 26, 1801) Edward Foster Jacobs, of Scituate; d. about 1863.
687. POLLY,[6] b. Jan. 23, 1780; m. Thomas Lewis, of Boston, and had three children: Abiel Smith; William G.; and Fanny, who m. Mr. Wilson. She d. in Framingham about 1868.
688. LUCY,[6] b. Dec. 18, 1781; d. unmarried, Jan. 9, 1803.
689. FANNY,[6] b. Feb. 14, 1784; d. in 1841, leaving a considerable sum of money to the abolitionists. She never married.

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JOSEPH[5] (*Joseph*,[4] *Joseph*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), oldest son of Deacon Joseph and Hannah (Briggs) Clapp, was born in Scituate, Feb. 21, 1734–5. He spent the first part of his life in Scituate, but probably settled in some other place. While in Scituate, he married Eliza Turner.

Children of JOSEPH and ELIZA (Turner) CLAPP:

690. CHARLES,[6] probably the one recorded as dying of smallpox, in Scituate, in 1792–3.
691. LUTHER,[6] nothing known of his history.
692. BARNARD,[6] d. April 24, 1803. He m. Lydia Packard, who d. May 24, 1797. He removed to Braintree. Children:
    693. *Charles*,[7] b. Jan. 10, 1795; d. Jan. 16, 1838; m. Sally Manley, and lived in North Bridgewater. Children: **i.** *Lucius*,[8] b. Jan. 14, 1817; m. July 4, 184–, Emily Waters; is a farmer in Stoughton. **ii.** *Charles*,[8] b. Feb. 11, 1827; d. Jan. 11, 1846.
    694. *Lydia*,[7] m. Daniel Holbrook.
695. INCREASE,[6] b. in Scituate, about 1780. Removed to Weymouth when a youth, and lived with his brother Barnard, to whom he was apprenticed. He m. at about 23 years of age, Sarah, dau. of Elisha Holbrook, of Weymouth. Was a man of good character, habits and standing in the town; industrious, and attended closely to his business, which was ship-building, he being one of the firm of "Clapp and Loring," ship-builders. He was quite active in the organization of the Union Religious Society of Weymouth and Braintree, "to whom the Rev. Jonas Perkins preached for a great many years," and was one of the committee to superintend the removal of the Old Church building from Boston to Weymouth (which was taken down in Boston, the material transported to Weymouth by water, and set up again on its present site). He was not a professor of religion, but lived an upright, moral life, and was much respected by his townspeople. He accumulated some property, and, about the year 1809, erected the substantial dwelling-house on Front Street, Weymouth, now (1875) owned and occupied by his son Adoram[7] and family. He d. in the prime of life, being only 40 years of age,

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leaving his wife and family of eight children, the oldest being but 15 years old. Children:

696. *Clarissa*,[7] b. March 28, 1805; m. Warren Richards.

697. *Adoram*,[7] b. March 26, 1807. He is quite a prominent citizen of the town of Weymouth, and has represented that town in the State Legislature one year. Has carried on for many years quite an extensive business in the manufacture and wholesaling of boots and shoes in Weymouth and Boston. Was one of the first in the organization of the Universalist Society in Weymouth, and has always been connected with it since. He m. Clarissa B., daughter of Ebenezer Nash, of Weymouth. Children: **i.** *Ann Elizabeth*,[8] b. June 23, 1829; m. Albion Hall, and had three children. **ii.** *Sarah Jane*,[8] b. Feb. 1, 1832. **iii.** *Augustus W.*,[8] b. June 7, 1834; m. Eleanor F. Richards, and has: (1) *Emma Louisa*;[9] (2) *Charles Austin*;[9] (3) *William Augustus*,[9] d. young. **iv.** *Andrew Jackson*,[8] b. Sept. 21, 1836. **v.** *Maria Louisa*,[8] b. Sept. 24, 1838; m. Solon W. Pratt, and has three children. **vi.** *William Henry*,[8] b. March 10, 1842. **vii.** *Emma Augusta*,[8] b. Feb. 17, 1844. **viii.** *Richmond*,[8] b. Nov. 14, 1846.

698. *Joseph*,[7] b. Jan. 11, 1809; m. Susan Adlington.

699. *Sarah*,[7] b. Feb. 15, 1811; m. Addison Cheeseman.

700. *Charles S.*,[7] b. April 20, 1813; m. Harriet Nash.

701. *Mary Ann*,[7] b. Aug. 24, 1816; m. Ebed Stoddard.

702. *Hannah Torrey*,[7] b. July 18, 1818; m. Robert Bassett.

703. *Mercy*,[7] b. Aug. 25, 1820; m. Thomas Pratt.

704. Joseph,[6] b. in 1781; m. and removed to Lyme, N. H. Children:

705. *Joseph*,[7] and three other children.

706. Job,[6] nothing known of his history.

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SAMUEL[5] (*John*,[4] *Stephen*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), eldest son of John and Mercy (Otis) Clapp, of Scituate, was born July 25, 1725. He married and removed to Worthington, Mass., and died in 1809.

Children of Samuel Clapp, of Worthington:

707. Stephen,[6] m. and settled in New Salem, N. Y., at a place called Clapp's Mills. Children:

708. *Stephen*,[7] b. in 1786; m. Jane Mack. Children: **i.** *Azubah*,[8] b. in 1806; m. Levi Farwell. **ii.** *Caroline Dwelly*,[8] b. Nov. 1809; m. Hiram Green. She was a woman of fine personal appearance, and was living in 1852 at Fort Hamilton, with her brother Hawley D. **iii.** *Ambrose Spencer*,[8] m. Laura Raymond, and lives in Salem, N. Y. **iv.** *Maria L.*,[8] b. in 1816; m. Henry W. Hewitt, and lives in New York city. **v.** *Hawley D.*,[8] kept a very large public house at Fort Hamilton, on L. I., N. Y.; since then, he kept the Everett House in New York city; m. Huldah Van Brunt, and has *Nicholas Rutger Van Brunt*,[9] and a child b. Aug. 1852. **vi.** *Jane Ann*,[8] m. Silas Rice, and lives in Salem, N. Y. **vii.** *Elizabeth H.*[8] **viii.** *Sarah Matilda*.[8]

709. *Constant*,[7] m. Statira Bartlett. Children: **i.** *Leonidas*,[8] m.

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Jane Chamberlain and lives in Salem, N. Y. **ii.** *Louisa*,[8] m. Wm. Baker, and lives in Greenwich, N. Y. **iii.** *Amelia*,[8] d. about 1847. **iv.** *Alfred F.*,[8] m. Sarah Chamberlain, sister of the wife of Leonidas. **v.** *Statira*.[8]

710. *Otis*,[7] m. Harriet Munroe. Children: **i.** *Munroe*,[8] dead in 1873; went to South America and m. a Spanish lady. **ii.** *Benjamin F.*,[8] dead in 1873. **iii.** *Frances*,[8] d. young. **iv.** *Willoughby*,[8] dead in 1873; buried in Greenwood Cemetery in New York. **v.** *Octavia*.[8] **vi.** *Catharine*.[8]

711. *Ephraim W.*,[7] b. in 1790; m. Sarah Rice. Children: **i.** *Clark R.*,[8] m..... **ii.** *George R.*,[8] m..... Hurd, lives in Arlington, Vt. **iii.** *Harriet*,[8] m. Mr. Eddy, who kept a public house in Arlington, Vt. She was dead in 1873. **iv.** *Martha T.*,[8] m. and lived in Salem, N. Y.; was dead in 1873. **v.** *Mary C.*,[8] was dead in 1873. **vi.** *James William*.[8]

712. *Samuel*,[7] was dead in 1852. He m. Lois Cleveland. Children: **i.** *Catharine*.[8] **ii.** *Almira*,[8] m. Mr. Billings, and removed to Virginia about 1851. **iii.** *Mary*,[8] dead. **iv.** *Julia Ann*,[8] dead. **v.** *Frances*.[8]

713. *Leonard H.*,[7] lived in Pittsford, N. Y.; m. ..... Stephens; after his decease she m. Mr. Ferguson, of Washington, D. C. Children: **i.** *Samuel*,[8] drowned. **ii.** *Julia*,[8] dead.

714. *Dwelly M.*,[7] b. about 1800; settled in Adrian, Mich.; m. Miss Achor, and had *Emily A.*[8] and two more.

715. LEMUEL.[6]

716. BARNABAS,[6] settled in Pittstown, N. Y.; m. Anna Shepard, of that town. Children:

717. *John*,[7] is a physician; m. widow Abba Rankin, née Coval.

718. *William*,[7] studied for the ministry.

719. *Sally*,[7] m. Robert S. Bostwick and settled in Phelps, N. Y. It is from one of their sons, Barnabas Clapp Bostwick, that much information has been obtained.

720. *Lucy*,[7] m. David Doolittle, and lived in Pittstown, N. Y.

721. ISAAC.[6]

722. JOHN,[6] went West when about 21 years of age. He enlisted in the war of 1812, and was made prisoner by an Indian chief in the defeat of Gen. St. Clair. After he obtained his liberty he settled on the bank of the Big Miami River in Ohio; m. and had a family.

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JOHN[5] (*John*,[4] *Stephen*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of John and Mercy (Otis) Clapp, of Scituate, and brother of the preceding, was born July 5, 1734. He was a Colonel and lived in Scituate, near the Second Herring Brook, so called. He was an officer in the French War, also in the War of the Revolution. He married Chloe Stowers, of Hingham, in 1761. He died in Scituate, Feb. 13, 1810.

Children of Col. JOHN and CHLOE (Stowers) CLAPP, of Scituate:

723. RACHEL,[6] b. Aug. 30, 1763; m. Elijah Curtis.

724. ELIJAH,[6] b. April 25, 1766; d. in South Scituate, Oct. 19, 1859,

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in his 94th year. He enjoyed remarkable health, and was not confined to his house by sickness during sixty-five years previous to 1857. He probably m. Martha Hatch, July 19, 1801. Children:

725. *Mary*,[7] b. Aug. 13, 1803; d. May 18, 1848, unmarried.
726. *Martha*,[7] b. June 1, 1805; d. in 1857.
727. *Elijah*,[7] b. March 9, 1807; m. Jan. 10, 1830, Temperance Lapham, and lived in Scituate. Children: **I.** *Temperance*,[8] b. June 22, 1833; m. Dec. 26, 1858, Sylvanus Clapp (No. 753). **II.** *Andrew*,[8] b. June 22, 1837; m. Dec. 25, 1864, Susan F. Ewell.
728. *Joseph Stowers*,[7] b. Nov. 11, 1808; m. Sally Turner. Children: **I.** *David*,[8] b. July 16, 1844; m. Sept. 30, 1869, Elmira Barry, and has one son, *George S.*,[9] b. Nov. 12, 1871. **II.** *Roger*,[8] b. Nov. 29, 1846; d. Sept. 2, 1849. **III.** *Emma Caroline*,[8] b. April 2, 1853.
729. *Bathsheba*,[7] b. Nov. 16, 1811; m. Charles H. Lapham.
730. *George*,[7] b. Jan. 5, 1818; m. Deborah, dau. of Ira Barker. Children: **I.** *George B.*,[8] b. Jan. 23, 1839; d. Feb. 8, 1842. **II.** *Ann M.*,[8] b. Nov. 2, 1840; m. Mr. French, and d. within a short period after. **III.** *Deborah F.*,[8] m. Albert Sawyer, and d. soon after.

731. JOSEPH STOWERS,[6] b. Aug. 26, 1768; m. April 23, 1801, Lefy Curtis. Child:
732. *Edward Stowers*.[7]

733. CHLOE,[6] b. May 26, 1770; m. Jan. 1, 1795, John Turner, and had two children.
734. LYDIA,[6] b. July 10, 1778; m. Elisha Barrell, of Hanover, Mass., and had three children.
735. JOHN,[6] b. Sept. 23, 1780; d. Feb. 28, 1855; m. May 4, 1817, Lucy Otis, of Scituate, a descendant of Peregrine White. She d. March 23, 1860. Children:
736. *Sarah T.*,[7] b. Feb. 10, 1818; m. Feb. 26, 1854, John Curtis, of Hanover.
737. *Rachel S.*,[7] b. Feb. 7, 1820; m. Feb. 14, 1845, James B. Brewster, of Hanson.
738. *Lucy A.*,[7] b. March 29, 1822; d. July 16, 1854.
739. *Frances A.*,[7] b. Feb. 11, 1824; m. Oct. 11, 1855, Joel Bowker, of Boston.
740. *Lydia O.*,[7] b. Feb. 21, 1826; m. Sept. 29, 1859, Ira B. Sanborn, who was b. in Waterboro', Me., Nov. 5, 1830; have three children. They live in South Scituate.
741. *John*,[7] b. Dec. 31, 1828; m. March 7, 1872, Elvira A., dau. of E. S. Conant, of Randolph.
742. *Edwin*,[7] b. May 15, 1831; d. May 18, 1839.
743. *Catharine M.*,[7] b. Sept. 5, 1834; m. Dec. 2, 1860, Richard P. Briggs, b. in Hanover, Oct. 21, 1828. Two children.

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SYLVANUS[5] (*Nathaniel*,[4] *Stephen*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), eldest son of Nathaniel and Desire (Bourne) Clapp, of Scituate, was born Jan. 20, 1742. He lived in the house which he inherited from his father

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and grandfather, being the same in which his uncle, Pres. Thomas, of Yale College, was born. He married, June 9, 1768, Elizabeth Brooks, of Scituate, who was born in 1743, and died Nov. 18, 1820, having survived her husband nearly nine years. He died April 29, 1811, aged 68 years.

Children of SYLVANUS and ELIZABETH (Brooks) CLAPP, of Scituate:

744. BETSEY,[6] b. Feb. 5, 1771; d. in 1728. She m. (published Dec. 17, 1801) William Whiting, of Hanover, and had four children.

745. TEMPERANCE,[6] b. June 9, 1773; d. in 1834. She m. June 18, 1795, Charles Lapham, of Scituate, and had five children.

746. DESIRE,[6] b. Dec. 4, 1775; d. in 1836. She m. (published April 17, 1802) Job Loring, of Hingham, and had six children.

747. RACHEL,[6] b. April 9, 1778; m. first, in 1801, Warren Jacobs, of Boston, and had three children; m. second, Stephen Hall, of Chelsea.

748. MARY,[6] b. Sept. 5, 1781; m. Isaac Totman, of Boston, and had three children.

749. NATHANIEL,[6] b. March 1, 1785; d. April 19, 1854. Was a very respectable man, and lived in Scituate on land which has been possessed by the family from 1660. He was Deputy Sheriff of Plymouth County for many years, and held various offices in town and county. He lost one leg in early life by an accident, and while having it amputated, without any anæsthetic, he did not so much as utter a groan. From his family, important information was obtained for these annals. He m. Nov. 27, 1814, Anna Briggs, of Scituate, who was b. June 4, 1793, and was present at the social meeting of the Clapps, on the evening of June 18, 1873, in Boston. Children:

750. *Nathaniel B.*,[7] b. Aug. 28, 1815; he m. first, Nov. 25, 1838, Anna B. (No. 678), dau. of Allen Clapp, of Scituate, who d. Dec. 22, 1839, leaving one child, *Frank Allen*,[8] b. Nov. 5, 1839, who lives in South Boston, m. Nov. 5, 1865, Juletta Sylvester, and has: (1) *Anna May*,[9] b. May 28, 1867; (2) *Carrie W.*,[9] b. Nov. 6, 1872. Nath'l B.[7] m. second, Mary B. Clapp (No. 679), sister of his first wife. They had one child, *Frederick Waterston*,[8] b. Feb. 25, 1843, who m. Dec. 2, 1868, Mary A. Lewis, of Framingham, and has: (1) *Fanny Lewis*,[9] b. Sept. 25, 1869; (2) *Frank Nathaniel*,[9] b. Oct. 2, 1870; (3) *Gustavus*,[9] b. Oct. 28, 1871; (4) *John Wilson*,[9] b. March 10, 1873; (5) *Frederick*,[9] b. Aug. 4, 1874. Nath'l B.[7] m. third, Nov. 3, 1872, Julia Clapp (No. 682), of Scituate.

751. *Deborah A.*,[7] b. Aug 13, 1819; m. Nov. 16, 1842, Allen (No. 677), son of Allen Clapp, of Scituate, and has five children.

752. *Antoinette*,[7] b. Feb. 27, 1822; d. October, 1847, unmarried.

753. *Sylvanus*,[7] b. Oct. 18, 1831; m. Dec. 26, 1858, Temperance, dau. of Elijah Clapp (No. 727), of Scituate. He has served as Selectman of the town, and in various other offices.

754. STEPHEN,[6] b. July 20, 1787; d. Feb. 13, 1825. He lived in Scituate in the same house in which his father lived and died. He m. April 14. 1814, Delight Bowker, of Scituate, who d. Jan. 15, 1849. Children:

755. *Meletiah*,[7] b. Feb. 13, 1815; m. in 1838, Lucy Sherman, of

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Marshfield, and lived in Medford. Children: **i.** *Meletiah Otis*,[8] b. in 1839; m. ..... **ii.** *Lucy Otis*,[8] b. in 1841. **iii.** *Hannah S.*[8]

756. *Gorham*,[7] b. Aug. 27, 1816; m. Aug. 19, 1845, Lydia H. Winship. Children: **i.** *Carrie L.*,[8] b. June 12, 1846; d. July 4, 1847. **ii.** *Clara A.*,[8] b. Sept. 7, 1847; d. June 24, 1862. **iii.** *Stephen G.*,[8] b. Sept. 14, 1849; d. Aug. 11, 1850. **iv.** *Josephine*,[8] b. Sept. 19, 1850; d. Oct. 27, 1851. **v.** *Ella G.*,[8] b. May 23, 1853; m. Sept. 6, 1870, John G. Briggs, and has one child. **vi.** *M. Lizzie*,[8] b. July 14, 1860; d. Sept. 10, 1864.

757. *Otis P.*,[7] b. March 12, 1818; m. Oct. 22, 1843, Margaret C. Flagg, of Boston, and then resided there. Has six children.

758. *Elizabeth B.*,[7] b. Sept. 12, 1819; m. in 1838, James M. Cummings, of New York, and has six children.

759. *Hannah S.*,[7] b. March 8, 1821; m. first, Oct. 27, 1844, in Boston, Wm. A. Hanson, and had one child; second, Samuel Spaulding, and had two children.

760. *Temperance*,[7] b. Aug. 26, 1822; m. Hanson Sleeper, of Boston, and had two children.

761. *Stephen*,[7] b. Oct. 5, 1824; d. Dec. 27, 1873; m. Dec. 19, 1847, Rachel Sherman, of Marshfield. Children: **i.** *Mary A.*,[8] b. Aug. 26, 1850; m. June 11, 1871, Daniel J. Sampson. **ii.** *Cora J.*,[8] b. Jan. 29, 1859. **iii.** *S. Eddie*,[8] b. March 4, 1862; d. Dec. 11, 1863.

One other child of Sylvanus[5] and Elizabeth d. young.

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JOHN[5] (*Thomas*,[4] *John*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), eldest son of Judge Thomas and Mary (Leonard) Clapp, of Scituate, was born in Taunton, July 14, 1733. He was a Captain in the Militia, and an officer in the French War. He was at Quebec in 1759. He married in 1752 Jerusha Bailey, who was born in 1736, and lived in Scituate. He was but 20 years of age and his wife but 16 at the time of marriage. He died May 24, 1767. He was the only member of his family who married.

Children of Capt. JOHN and JERUSHA (Bailey) CLAPP, of Scituate:

762. MARY.[6]

763. JOHN,[6] d. a young man, while serving in the Army of the Revolution.

764. RUTH,[6] m. John Tiffany, of Attleboro'.

765. NANCY,[6] b. in 1761; d. April 29, 1800, aged 39 years. She m. Dec. 12, 1782, Edward S. Leeds, of Dorchester, who was far from being an exemplary man. She was buried in the old burying-ground at Dorchester.

766. ESTHER,[6] b. in 1764; m. Charles Cole, of Scituate; was an active and intelligent woman.

767. LEONARD,[6] b. Aug. 1766; d. April 8, 1852, aged 85 years, 8 mos. He lived on the paternal estate of Rev. Thomas. He m. Betsey Stetson, of Scituate, who d. June 7, 1854, aged 81 years. Chil.:

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MANSION-HOUSE, IN SCITUATE, MASS., ERECTED BY JUDGE THOMAS CLAPP, IN THE YEAR 1740.

Now (1876) occupied by direct descendants.

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768. *Mary Leonard*,[7] b. Sept. 26, 1798; unm. Lives with her brother Henry in the house built by her great-grandfather in 1740. Is familiar with the whole family history of the Scituate branch; is well informed in regard to matters of public as well as local interest; has furnished valuable aid in gathering material for these annals; and treasures up, with the devotedness of a true antiquary, many precious relics which have come down to her from worthy ancestors.

769. *Leonard*,[7] b. March 18, 1800; d. Feb. 9, 1818, at sea; unm.

770. *Henry*,[7] b. May 29, 1802; m. Oct. 1844, Frances Perry, of South Abington. He settled as a merchant in Scituate, and now lives in the mansion house built by Judge Thomas Clapp in 1740. Children: **i.** *Mary Frances*,[8] b. August, 1845. **ii.** *Henry Oscar*,[8] b. April, 1847.

771. *Alfred*,[7] b. Jan. 15, 1804; was a sea-captain, and lost at sea off Cape Hatteras, April, 1834; m. Nov. 15, 1829, Catharine Litchfield, b. Jan. 1, 1811. Children: **i.** *Mandana Catharine*,[8] b. Oct. 12, 1830; m. Feb. 23, 1850, Joseph W. Morris, of North Scituate, and has four children. **ii.** *Alfred*,[8] b. July, 1834; m. Abbie Merritt, and has: (1) *Georgiana*;[9] (2) *Lucy Ellen*;[9] (3) *Mary Leonard*;[9] (4) *Alfred*;[9] (5) *Augustus*;[9] (6) *Bessie*.[9]

772. *Albert*,[7] twin brother of Alfred, b. Jan. 15, 1804; d. June 26, 1838; m. March 29, 1829, Martha Weston, of Duxbury. Children: **i.** *Augustus*,[8] was engineer of one of the U. S. Steamers during the War of the Rebellion, and d. after the close of the war. **ii.** *Georgiana*,[8] lives in Duxbury, unm. with her mother.

773. *Sarah Briggs*,[7] b. July 15, 1805; m. Nov. 8, 1829, Geo. W. Wetherbee, of Boston.

774. *Lucy Briggs*,[7] twin sister to Sarah B., b. July 17, 1805; m. Dec. 25, 1827, Calvin Damon, of Boston.

775. *Augustus*,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1807; d. Jan. 10, 1831; was Postmaster of Scituate for some time; unmarried.

776. *Chandler*,[7] b. Dec. 25, 1808; was a sea-captain. He m. in 1837, Hannah Foster, who d. May 5, 1866, a. 48 yrs. 6 mos. Children: **i.** *Oriana*,[8] b. Nov. 13, 1837; d. Aug. 23, 1838. **ii.** *Maria F.*,[8] b. June 13, 1839; m. Benjamin Wilder, of Hingham. **iii.** *Joseph W.*,[8] b. in 1843; m. July 20, 1875, Almena M. Sparrow, of Chatham. **iv.** *George Chandler*,[8] b. in 1845; m. March 24, 1872, Annie M. Phillips, of Foster, R. I. **v.** *Charles F.*,[8] b. July, 1850; m. Nov. 5, 1874, Alice Carpenter, of Marlboro'. Some ancient documents, made use of in this Memorial, were kindly furnished by him.

777. *Thomas*,[7] b. Feb. 25, 1812; was fifteen years one of the School Committee of Scituate, and also served the town as one of the Selectmen in 1868. The mill, of which the poet sings in the song of "The Old Oaken Bucket," belongs to this branch of the family, and is still in use. He m. Dec. 23, 1838, Ann Rosina Cudworth, who was b. in Marshfield, Jan. 7, 1821. Children: **i.** *Henry T.*,[8] b. April 2, 1840; he was the Ward Master of the Georgetown College Hospital in

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the early part of the Rebellion, and in the 42d Mass. Vols. in the latter part; m. June 12, 1870, Mary Frances Carr, who was b. in Taunton, Jan. 27, 1850. **ii.** *Ann R.*,[8] b. May 30, 1842; m. Dec. 7, 1865, Elijah T., son of Elijah Clapp (No. 299), of Scituate. **iii.** *William*,[8] b. Nov. 17, 1846; lives in Centreville, Cal. **iv.** *Ella B.*,[8] b. Sept. 2, 1857. **v.** *Josephine L.*,[8] b. July 4, 1859.

778. *Frances Elizabeth*,[7] b. March 13, 1814; m. Turner Hatch, of Scituate.

779. *Rufus*,[7] b. April 10, 1817; he is a farmer, and has served on the School Committee of Scituate; m. Nancy Hall, of Marshfield. Children: **i.** *Nancy A.*,[8] b. Nov. 1845; d. about 1872; she m. Capt. George Hodgdon. **ii.** *Albert*,[8] b. Oct. 1847; m. Mary A. Packard, and has: (1) *George P.*,[9] (2) *Lizzie*,[9] (3) *Anna*;[9] (4) an infant, not named. **iii.** *Alfred*,[8] lives in Boston. **iv.** *Frank*,[8] lives in Illinois, and m. there. **v.** *Lilian*.[8] **vi.** *Jennie*.[8] **vii.** *Gertrude*.[8] **viii.** *Rufus Floyd*.[8] The last four are living at their father's house, in Scituate.

780. Hannah,[7] b. in 1768; d. Feb. 19, 1837; m. April 19, 1795, John Otis, of Scituate, a sea-captain, b. Feb. 17, 1769.

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Dwelly[6] (*David*,[4] *David*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), only child of David and first wife Ruth Clapp, of Scituate, was born Aug. 12, 1741. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and received a pension during the remainder of his life. He married first, June 5, 1760, Eliza Elmms; second, May 23, 1776, Abigail Gray. He lived and died in Scituate.

Children of Dwelly and 1st wife Eliza (Elmms) Clapp, of Scituate:

781. Dwelly,[6] b. in 1763; d. June 22, 1819, aged 56 years. He m. Rachel ..... and lived in Scituate. Children:

782. *Polly*,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1781.

783. *Sally*,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1784.

784. *Roger*,[7] b. Dec. 2, 1785; d. May 10, 1812. He is probably the one who m. in Boston, March 26, 1810, Betsey W. Smith.

785. *Levi*,[7] b. Aug. 11, 1787; d. Dec. 22, 1814. He m. in 1813, Sally Leavitt, and had one or two children which d. young.

786. *Bathsheba*,[7] b. Oct. 17, 1790.

787. *Perez*,[7] b. Aug. 24, 1793; removed to somewhere in Worcester Co., Mass., and was in Woodstock, Vt., in 1856. He m. Jan. 18, 1814, Rhoda Smith, of Bridgewater, Vt., who was b. Jan. 16, 1796. Children: **i.** *Harvey*,[8] b. Feb. 12, 1820. **ii.** *Norman*,[8] b. Aug. 9, 1822. **iii.** *William*,[8] b. Nov. 23, 1824. **iv.** *Elmira*,[8] b. April 16, 1827. **v.** *Sylvester*,[8] b. July 9, 1829. **vi.** *Levi*,[8] b. May 24, 1831. **vii.** *James*,[8] b. Nov. 22, 1833. **viii.** *Elvira K.*,[8] b. April 23, 1836. **ix.** *George*,[8] b. Oct. 8, 1839.

788. *Susanna*,[7] b. Aug. 24, 1793. Twin sister to Perez.

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789. *Ruth*,[7] b. Oct. 15, 1796.
790. *Rachel*,[7] b. Sept. 2, 1798.
791. *Eliza*,[7] b. June 27, 1802.
792. *Lucinda*,[7] b. March 2, 1805.
793. *Tilden*,[7] b. Dec. 2, 1807; m. Oct. 10, 1824, Penelope Nichols. Children: **i.** *Luther L.*,[8] b. Dec. 23, 1826. **ii.** *George H.*,[8] b. Sept. 29, 1828. **iii.** *Rhoda N.*,[8] b. Oct. 29, 1830. **iv.** *Lucinda*,[8] b. July 28, 1834. **v.** *Rhoda*,[8] b. Oct. 1, 1837. **vi.** *Caleb N.*,[8] b. Nov. 10, 1839; **vii.** *Lydia E.*,[8] b. May 14, 1841.
794. ROGER,[6] b. 1765; d. 1797; m. Margaret Sutton and l. in Scituate. After his decease, his widow m. second, John Federhen, a German, and lived in Boston; in 1842, being quite aged, she made a misstep and broke her leg in two places, crippling her for the remainder of her life. Important information was obtained from her for these annals. Children:
795. *Galen*,[7] b. March 14, 1792; d. about 1836. He is represented as an honest man, but of imprudent habits. He was a jeweller by trade, and lived in Boston. He m. in Boston, March 6, 1814, Deborah Hayden. Children: **i.** *Amos C.*,[8] b. in 1814 or '15; a printer in Boston; m. about 1839, Catharine Lambert, of Nova Scotia, and had: (1) *John*,[9] b. in 1840; (2) *Mary Elizabeth*,[9] b. in 1842; d. Oct. 29, 1847. **ii.** *Margaret*,[8] m. Wm. Taylor, of Boston, who d. about 1841, and had one child; she afterwards lived with her mother. **iii.** *William*,[8] lived in Boston. **iv.** *Henry*,[8] d. young. **v.** *Anna*,[8] b. in 1826; lived with her mother, whom she helped to support.
796. *Artemas*,[7] b. April 4, 1794; d. March 3, 1869. He was a confectioner by trade and lived in Boston. He m. in Boston, May 5, 1812, Mary Hanson, who was born January 1, 1791, and died October 15, 1872. Children: **i.** *Artemas*,[8] b. Nov. 20, 1816; left the country about the year 1835, and was supposed to be in the Sandwich Islands. **ii.** *Mary E.*,[8] b. June 11, 1820; m. April 26, 1843, Charles F. Danforth, of Claremont, N. H.; lived in Boston; d. Dec. 29, 1872. **iii.** *John F.*,[8] b. Sept. 11, 1821; d. Oct. 6, 1846. **iv.** *Ann C.*,[8] b. Feb. 25, 1824; m. first, Aug. 28, 1842, James W. Root, of Enfield, Ct.; m. second, Charles H. Knowlton; lives in Boston. **v.** *Ellen H.*,[8] b. May 3, 1826; m. Aug. 12, 1847, John W. Gleason, of Andover, and lives in Boston. **vi.** *Caroline*,[8] m. Job T. Bates, of Cohasset. **vii.** *Charles T.*,[8] d. Jan. 9, 1861.
797. *Cassius*,[7] b. July 16, 1796; d. about 1841, aged about 45 years. He lived awhile in Charlestown, but finally settled in Lynn, where he died. He m. first, in Boston, May 13, 1818, Henrietta Gould; second, ... Bangs. Children: **i.** *Thomas*,[8] b. in 1819; lived in Lynn, and in 1843 m. Eliza Gilman; **ii.** *Cassius*,[8] d. young. **iii.** *Jacob*,[8] was an apprentice in Boston in 1843. **iv.** *Henrietta*,[8] d. young. **v.** *Harriet*,[8] d. young.
798. ALEXANDER,[6] b. in 1767; d. Aug. 21, 1830, aged about 63 years. He lived and died in Scituate. He m. Sept. 9, 1791, Bethiah Litchfield. Children:
799. *Paul*,[7] b. in 1792; m. Nov. 29, 1810, Lydia Bates. Children:

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i. *Ozias*,[8] b. April 7, 1829; lives in Boston; m. first, Nov. 28, 1853, Lucy V. Bouvé, and has: (1) *John B.*,[9] b. Aug. 31, 1856; (2) *Frank H.*,[9] b. May 23, 1859; (3) *Lulu M.*,[9] b. March 23, 1863;—m. second, Oct. 15, 1871, Lizzie C. Pope. ii. *Owen*,[8] b. March 22, 1833. iii. *Eliza Ann*,[8] m. William R. Webster, and was dead in 1873.

800. *Silas*,[7] b. in 1793; d. April 26, 1826. He m. Oct. 9, 1814, Ruth C. Litchfield, who d. Aug. 27, 1825, aged 30 years. Children: i. *Martha F.*,[8] b. Oct. 17, 1815. ii. *Silas D.*,[8] b. Oct. 14, 1818; d. Aug. 4, 1836, aged 18 years. iii. *Mary E.*,[8] b. Oct. 31, 1820. iv. *Nichols*,[8] b. June 20, 1823.

801. *Henry*,[7] b. Feb. 28, 1797; m. about 1817, Martha Parker, who was b. in Dorchester, and had: i. *George P.*,[8] b. Feb. 18, 1817; m. Nov. 28, 1839, Ann, dau. of Joseph and Susan (Cutting) Potter; live in South Scituate. Children: (1) *George H.*,[9] b. July 18, 1841, m. March 7, 1865, Susan R. Stetson, and lives in Somerville; (2) *Ann M.*,[9] b. Jan. 5, 1847; (3) *Augustine W.*,[9] b. Dec. 12, 1853, d. Jan. 12, 1871.

802. *Job*,[7] b. in 1799; d. Aug. 20, 1825, aged 26 years. He m. April 2, 1820, Lydia Damon. Children: i. *Hiram*,[8] b. July 28, 1822. ii. *Christiana*,[8] b. Dec. 20, 1825.

803. *Allen*,[7] b. in 1801; m. Feb. 15, 1821, Mary Gotbott. Children: i. *Lazarus*,[8] b. Feb. 7, 1824; d. Jan. 4, 1827. ii. *Mary G.*,[8] b. Jan. 11, 1826. iii. *Salome*,[8] b. March 3, 1829. iv. *Xoa A.*,[8] b. Dec. 12, 1831. v. *Abigail M.*,[8] b. April 18, 1834.

804. *Alexander*,[7] b. in 1807; a blacksmith by trade. He settled in Hingham, and m. Sept. 24, 1830, Leverett L. Lincoln. Children: i. *Charles C.*,[8] dead in 1873. ii. *George*.[8] iii. *Mary B.*[8]

805. *Joseph*,[7] b. in 1809; probably m. about 1830, Lydia ..... Children: i. *Bethiah*,[8] b. Nov. 24, 1830. ii. *Joseph H.*,[8] b. Dec. 20, 1833. iii. *Ruth L.*,[8] b. March 16, 1835.

806. *Azula*[7] (or Ursula).

807. WILLIAM,[6] probably d. young.

808. BARNARD,[6] probably d. young.

809. JOSIAH,[6] probably d. young.

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BELA[5] (*Joshua*,[4] *David*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), eldest son of Joshua and Lydia Clapp, of Scituate, was born in Scituate, July 2, 1760, but removed to Boston, where he carried on a large business as a carpenter. He built the house on the lower road, Dorchester, called the Hall House, bought by Capt. F. W. Macondray. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery; afterwards removed to Claremont, N. H., where he died. He married, first, Jan. 23, 1783, Sarah Warland, who died Feb. 2, 1804; second, Feb. 16, 1805, Elizabeth Gilbert, of Littleton, who died Aug. 15, 1826, having survived her husband about 14 years. He died July 12, 1812.

Children of BELA and 1st wife SARAH (Warland) CLAPP:

+810. WILLIAM WARLAND,[6] b. Nov. 2, 1783; d. April 30, 1866.

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811. Sarah,[6] b. Jan. 11, 1786; m. about 1838, Meletiah Holmes, of Kingston, Mass.; no issue.
812. Mary,[6] b. Dec. 16, 1787; d. Nov. 7, 1795, aged 8 years.
813. Lydia,[6] b. Feb. 14, 1790; m. in Claremont, N. H., Capt. John Farwell, and had five children. After the death of her husband, she resided with her sons in Boston.
814. Joshua B.,[6] b. July 20, 1792; d. April 2, 1860. He lived in New London, Conn., and afterwards kept an Intelligence and Real Estate Office in Boston. He m. Clarissa Clark. Children:
  815. *Mary B.*,[7] b. about 1819.
  816. *Maria Elizabeth*,[7] b. Dec. 31, 1820, at New London, Ct.; d. Aug. 13, 1857. She was a woman of very marked religious traits. A memoir of her life and character was written by her pastor, Rev. Chandler Robbins, D.D., of Boston, in 1858, and published in a book of 134 pages. He says of her: "She was a Christian indeed, in whom was no guile." "Those who met her most frequently, and knew her most intimately, were profoundly impressed with the genuineness and thoroughness of her consecration to God."
  817. *Clarissa L.*,[7] m. Rev. William G. Babcock, of Lunenburg, afterwards of Boston; now minister of Warrenton Street Chapel. A daughter of theirs passed through the regular course of study, in the Divinity School of Harvard College, and is now the wife of Rev. H. Bisbee, pastor of the Hawes Place Congregational Society, South Boston.
  818. *Joshua W.*,[7] b. Dec. 31, 1824; m. June 23, 1853, Sarah Ann Maria Cole, who d. Jan. 1875. Children: **i.** *Maria Louisa*,[8] b. April 7, 1854. **ii.** *George Gregory*,[8] b. March 27, 1858. **iii.** *Clarissa Clark*,[8] b. Sept. 27, 1864. **iv.** *Frederick Walter*,[8] b. Oct. 4, 1868.
  819. *Lucy S.*,[7] b. May 19, 1827; d. Aug. 28, 1827.
  820. *Lucy F.*,[7] b. June 19, 1828; m. April 2, 1856, Dr. Joseph Hagar, of Boston.
  821. *George G.*,[7] b. Aug. 17, 1829; d. June 17, 1871. He m. Aug. 17, 1854, Harriet Tirrell, of Boston. Children: **i.** *Joshua Warland*,[8] b. May 16, 1855. **ii.** *Harriet Maria*,[8] b. Aug. 30, 1857. **iii.** *William Henry*,[8] b. Oct. 26, 1859. **iv.** *Charles Walter*,[8] b. Dec. 28, 1860; d. March 5, 1861.
  822. *Harriet M.*,[7] b. Oct. 16, 1831; m. April, 1856, Smith Wright, of Boston.
  823. *Edmund*,[7] b. Dec. 8, 1834; d. an infant.
  824. *Charles*,[7] b. Aug. 13, 1835; d. young.
825. Joseph,[6] b. Jan. 19, 1795; d. an infant.
826. Rebecca,[6] b. May 29, 1798; d. an infant.

Child of Bela and 2d wife Elizabeth (Gilbert) Clapp:

827. Stephen Rowe,[6] b. March 25, 1809; a pianoforte maker in Boston. He m. Jan. 5, 1832, Rebecca W. Noyes, of Newburyport. Children:
  828. *Mary L.*,[7] b. June 5, 1833.
  829. *Stephen Rowe*,[7] b. August, 1843.

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JOSHUA[6] (*Joshua,*[5] *Joshua,*[4] *Joshua,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), oldest son of Joshua and Margaret (Guild) Clapp, of Walpole, was born March 11, 1753; when young, lived in Connecticut, then moved to Walpole, and from thence he removed to the vicinity of Brattleboro', Vt., where he settled on a farm. He married Lucy Buckminster, daughter of a clergyman of that name in Connecticut.

Children of JOSHUA and LUCY (Buckminster) CLAPP, of Walpole, Mass., and Brattleboro', Vt.:

830. NATHAN B.,[7] b. Sept. 16, 1778.
831. LUCY,[7] b. May 17, 1780.
832. LOWELL,[7] d. February, 1854.
+833. ELLIS,[7] b. Sept. 17, 1784; d. Feb. 10, 1854.
834. JOSHUA.[7]

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SAMUEL[6] (*Samuel,*[5] *Samuel,*[4] *Samuel,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), oldest son of Samuel and Lydia (Wilds) Clapp, of Norton, was born May 17, 1769. He settled first in Petersham, but in the latter part of his life he lived with his son Samuel at Athol. He married, May 26, 1795, Sarah, daughter of Enos Lincoln.

Children of SAMUEL and SARAH (Lincoln) CLAPP.

835. SAMUEL,[7] b. Feb. 16, 1796; d. Dec. 5, 1874. He lived in Athol, Mass., and was a very intelligent, ingenious man, as well as an eminent Christian. He was a good man, greatly beloved by all who knew him. He held the office of Deacon in Athol for more than forty years, having been chosen to that office the second year of his membership in the church, and during that time was a faithful and consistent church officer. He illustrated in his life the truth of the proverb: "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." He was the inventor of "Clapp's Telegraphic Calendar," a most ingenious and convenient chart "for instantly finding the day of the month and the day of the week, in any year, from the birth of Christ to the year 3200 inclusive." An edition of this "Calendar," prepared by the author, was printed in 1850, on a sheet 10 or 11 inches square, by David Clapp, Jr. of Boston, and published by Ebenezer Clapp, Jr. He m. Nancy Bancroft, of Petersham. Children:
    836. *Priscilla Elvira,*[8] b. Feb. 13, 1820; m. Feb. 10, 1841, James S. Goulding, who was a Deacon of the church in Athol.
    837. *Samuel Austin,*[8] b. Oct. 30, 1821; d. June 6, 1848. He m. Jan. 12, 1847, Hepzibeth Goodnough, of Templeton. No issue.
    838. *Nancy Angelina,*[8] b. Feb. 5, 1826; m. Aug. 4, 1846, Sumner J. Lincoln, of West Brookfield. Lives in Baltimore, Md.
    839. *Harriet Shipley,*[8] b. March 27, 1831; d. March 8, 1833.
    840. *Edward Payson,*[8] b. Sept. 16, 1840.

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841. SARAH,[7] b. Aug. 19, 1798; d. Oct. 3, 1803.
842. LYDIA WILDS,[7] b. May 27, 1801; m. May 2, 1826, Gilbert H. Clark, and has two children.
843. ELVIRA[7], b. Dec. 8, 1803; m. Joseph G. Parmenter, and has four children.

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STEPHEN[6] (*Increase,*[5] *Benjamin,*[4] *John,*[3] *Increase,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Increase and Bethiah (Winslow) Clapp, was born in Tolland, Connecticut, Oct. 2, 1774. He lived in Ellington, Tolland Co., Conn., until 1823, when he removed to Windsor, Ashtabula Co., O., that county then being but newly settled, and the inhabitants but few and scattered. He married, April 29, 1802, Mary Loomis, who died March 8, 1864. He died Aug. 14, 1854.

Children of STEPHEN and MARY (Loomis) CLAPP, of Ellington, Ct.:

844. EARL,[7] b. Dec. 15, 1804; d. May 16, 1866. He lived in West Farmington, Trumbull Co., O. Children:
845. *Mary.*[8]
846. *Dwight.*[8]
847. *Emma.*[8]
848. *Eusebius.*[8]
849. CAROLINE,[7] b. June 24, 1807; m. David Humphrey, in Windsor, O., and has three children.
850. INCREASE,[7] b. Nov. 30, 1810. He m. Nancy Collins, and settled in Espyville, Crawford Co., Pa., as a physician. In 1871, he had no children.
+851. WILLIAM M.,[7] b. Dec. 18, 1817.
852. JOHN M.,[7] b. Feb. 24, 1819; d. April 6, 1844.

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WILLIAM WARLAND[6] (*Bela,*[5] *Joshua,*[4] *David,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Thomas*[1]), oldest son of Capt. Bela and Sarah (Warland) Clapp, was born in Boston, Nov. 2, 1783. He served an apprenticeship of seven years with Young & Minns, publishers of the *Massachusetts Mercury.* He was publisher of the *Gazette of Maine,* for six years, and of the *Boston Repertory.* In 1813, he issued proposals for the publication of the *Boston Daily Advertiser,* the first daily paper in the city, which he started, and subsequently sold to Mr. Nathan Hale. He then became publisher of the *Hampshire Gazette.* On his return to Boston, he bought the *Saturday Evening Gazette,* of which he was proprietor for thirty years. In 1822, he started the first daily evening paper. He was a practical printer, a ready writer, and a very industrious man. He possessed great energy and public spirit, and his useful life was intimately connected with the progress of Boston for half a century. He was admitted as a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. in 1820. He married, Dec. 6, 1807, Hannah W. Lane, of Boston. He died April 30, 1866.

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Children of WILLIAM WARLAND and HANNAH W. (Lane) CLAPP, of Boston:

853. WILLIAM W.,[7] b. in Bucksport, Me., Sept. 30, 1808; d. Sept. 20, 1812.

854. MARY L.,[7] b. in Bucksport, Me., May 3, 1810; d. in 1860. She m. Nathaniel P. Lovering. He was formerly a partner of Benj. F. Copeland; afterwards Treasurer of the Connecticut and Passumpsic River R. Road for many years.

855. CHARLOTTE E.,[7] b. in Boston, March 12, 1812; m. Asa H. Rhoades, a dealer in hats, furs, &c., in Boston.

856. WILLIAM W.,[7] b. in Boston, Aug. 13, 1814; d. Oct. 4, 1817.

857. SARAH,[7] b. in Boston, Dec. 20, 1818; m. George A. Fiske, a hardware dealer in Boston.

+858. CHARLES W.,[7] b. in Northampton, Sept. 6, 1816; d. June 10, 1874.

859. HANNAH W.,[7] b. in Boston, Sept. 17, 1820; m. first, May 26, 1847, Charles F. Terrell; second, July 6, 1863, Charles A. B. Shepard, of Boston. She d. Oct. 5, 1872.

860. HELEN MARIA,[7] b. in Boston, Jan. 19, 1823; m. Sept. 24, 1843, P. S. Fiske, a dry goods dealer in Boston. She d. Sept. 11, 1868.

+861. WILLIAM W.,[7] b. in Boston, April 11, 1826.

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ELLIS[7] (*Joshua*,[6] *Joshua*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *Joshua*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), third son of Joshua and Lucy (Buckminster) Clapp, was born in Brookline, Mass., Sept. 17, 1784. He was an industrious and reputable mechanic of limited means, and lived in Killingly, Ct.; he then removed to Livingston Co., N. Y., then to the vicinity of Buffalo, N. Y., and in 1843 to Wisconsin. He married Keziah Bowen, who died Sept. 4, 1862. He died Feb. 10, 1854.

Children of ELLIS and KEZIAH (Bowen) CLAPP:

+862. ALMON M.,[8] b. Sept. 14, 1811.

863. WILLIAM B.,[8] b. Jan. 3, 1814, in Killingly, Conn.; was brought up as a merchant, and continued in that business in Aurora, Erie Co., N. Y., until he emigrated to Chicago in 1844, where he began the business of beef and pork packing, which he prosecuted until his death in 1849, having amassed a handsome fortune.

864. HENRY,[8] b. Jan. 8, 1817. He was educated to the law in Buffalo, N. Y., was admitted to the bar, and in 1841 emigrated to the territory of Wisconsin. He soon after died at Geneva Lake in Wisconsin. He was a young man of fair promise.

865. JULIA A.,[8] b. Sept. 17, 1824; m. Orland Eddy, and lived in 1854 in Geneva, Wis.

866. ANTOINETTE,[8] b. in 1826; d. in Wisconsin in 1845.

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Judge 19th District, Indiana.

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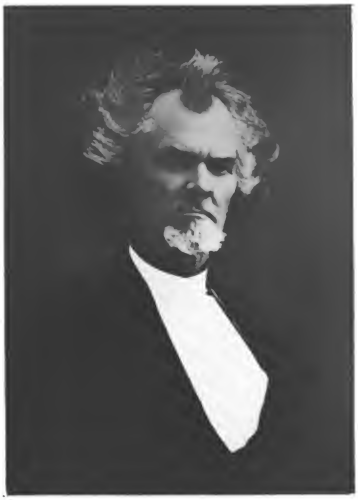

Hon. WILLIAM M. CLAPP.
Judge 19th District, Indiana.

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WILLIAM M.[7] (*Stephen*,[6] *Increase*,[5] *Benjamin*,[4] *John*,[3] *Increase*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of Stephen and Mary (Loomis) Clapp, was born in Ellington, Tolland County, Connecticut, Dec. 18, 1817. He is one of the old Puritan stock, who has attained a character and position which deserve more than a passing notice. He has succeeded in spite of all difficulties; has never known when he was down, indeed never was down but to rise again to some higher station by his genius and energy. He manifests great reverence for his ancestors, and takes much interest in their history. In 1870, he came from Indiana to attend the Clapp Gathering in Northampton. The following items relating to his youth and manhood will be read with interest.

He moved with his father in 1823 to Windsor, Ashtubula County, O., where the opportunities for getting any education were limited; worked on the farm with his father and brothers during the summer, and attended school in a log-house building in the winter, usually a term of three months; studied English Grammar, committing to memory the coarse printed part of Lindley Murray's Grammar (being that part which the schoolmasters of those days required pupils to repeat), and, while making maple sugar, alternately poking up the fires, watching the kettles and conning over the grammar book. At the age of 17, he undertook, what with so many Yankees is the first start in the world, school teaching; but here he failed, not being able to control and manage the older rude members of the school. Believing discretion the better part of valor, he called upon the trustee of the District, informed him that teaching school was not a success, and left the field without honor. The following spring, with a desire to strike out and see the world, and meet its responsibilities, he left his pleasant and agreeable home, went to Barton, Ohio, and commenced work in a dry goods store; remained there 18 months, then went to Mantua, Ohio, and entered another dry goods store, and not long after engaged in the same business in Franklin, Portage County, Ohio. Remained there about eighteen months, then went to Chester, Granger County, Ohio, and worked for E. W. Johnson in a dry goods store, each change having been made with the expectation of getting better wages and obtaining a more desirable situation. Having now acquired a fair practical knowledge of the business, a partnership with Johnson was proposed, the labor of one compensating as the capital of the other partner. After finding a situation and renting a store room, here again was failure, for Johnson proved to be insolvent, and young Clapp was out of business. Was induced, with an acquaintance who had been peddling clocks for a Connecticut Clock Co., to go to Wheeling, Virginia, thinking that the Company would give employment to more men there. After four or five days' travel, reached the place, but the agent was not to

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be found, and after a few days of waiting, it seemed that clock peddling was not to be depended upon. But what to do,—out of business, ambitious, willing to work, and mind uneasy! Got up one morning and walked out about ten miles into the country among the hills; made partial arrangements to teach a school; came back in the evening, and seeing a steamboat at the landing went on board. The Ohio River was so low that no boats were running, except occasionally a very small one. On the boat were a Mr. Stocking and wife, from Granger County, Ohio, going down the river to teach school somewhere in Kentucky, provided they could get a situation. They urged him to go along, and as the boat was not to leave until the next morning, there was a little time to think the matter over. There were many doubts and fears in the way; to go off several hundred miles further from home, with hardly enough money to get there and none to get back with, and engage in a business which former experience had shown unfitness for, made the thing look a little gloomy. But the next morning's sun shone so brightly, the flag on the little steamer floated so gaily in the autumn breeze, that hope was inspired, the trunk put aboard the boat, and a deck passage paid for to Maysville, Ky. That deck passage (being as good an arrangement as the financial condition would admit) gave the party the right to ride on the boat, sit on his trunk and sleep on the floor beside it, and eat at the second table with the boat hands or other deck passengers by paying for each meal. Mr. and Mrs. Stocking were the kindest and best of people, interesting and intelligent, and the time passed off pleasantly. It took ten days to reach Maysville. Started out on foot from there in search of a school. After much labor found a place among the hills, or knobs, as they called them, where a schoolmaster was wanted, who would "board around," collect his own pay, and take his chances generally. After getting there, just a one dollar bill on the bank of Massillon, Ohio, was the cash on hand. A few weeks after, that bank failed, and then, five or six hundred miles from home, with no friends, acquaintances or money, it looked as if *all* was depending upon effort. After staying here about a year, giving general satisfaction, and known as the *Yankee Schoolmaster*, concluded to go to a better part of the State, and went to Fayette County, near the Bourbon County line, and taught school two years. Saved some money there, so as to leave with about four hundred dollars. Went home to Windsor, Ohio; stayed two months; bought a horse, saddle and bridle, and putting some clothes in a pair of saddle-bags, started off on horseback for Indiana, having concluded to go there and study and practise law. After travelling about eight days, arrived one Saturday night at Peru, Miami County, Indiana, then a small village, the county seat of the County. Rested over Sabbath, and on Monday morning, after inquiry in regard to the lawyers of the place, went to the office of Ebenezer P. Loveland, and made arrangements to enter his office as

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a law student, and the same day was set to work on Chitty's Blackstone, Vol. I. In a day or two after, traded the horse, saddle and bridle for six months' board at the cheapest hotel in the place. Remained in Loveland's office until the last of March, 1843, and obtained a license to practise law. Went to Augusta, the then county seat of Noble County; the county seat afterwards removed to Port Mitchell, and then again to Albion. Commenced practising law in Noble County in April, 1843. Law business in those days was quite limited, there being only two terms of Circuit Court a year. In the fall of 1845 was elected Auditor of the County; held that office five years; attended to the duties of the office, practised law, and in 1849 added the selling of dry goods, groceries, &c. to the other business. In 1856, was elected Representative, and served one term in State Legislature; in 1860, was elected Judge of the 19th Common Pleas District, embracing five counties; was re-elected in 1864, and again in 1868 and in 1872. In 1873, that court was abolished, and all its business transferred to the Circuit Court. Having served the public thirteen years upon the Bench, now, in 1875, retired to private life, with not much to do, saving only the management of the Bank of Albion (a little affair of his own), some interest in a dry goods and hardware store in Albion, a woolen mill at Rome city, about 8 miles distant, and a small farm of sixty-five acres adjoining Albion, with some law practice.* William M. Clapp married, Nov. 14, 1847, Mary A. Skinner, who was born Dec. 15, 1824.

Children of WILLIAM M. and MARY A. (Skinner) CLAPP:

867. WILLIAM FRANK.[8]
868. CHARLES MERRITT.[8]
869. MALISSA.[8]

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CHARLES W.[7] (*William W.*,[6] *Bela*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *David*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), son of William W. and Hannah W. (Lane) Clapp, was born in Northampton, Sept. 6, 1816. He carried on the publishing business in connection with his father. He married, first, April 15, 1841, Jane T. Eaton, who was born June 16, 1821, and died March 1, 1843. Rev. Alexander Huntington Clapp (son of Levi Clapp, of Worcester, No. 874 of the descendants of ROGER) composed and published a beautiful piece of blank verse on her death. He married, second, Nov. 20, 1844, Mary A. Foster, of Providence, R. I. He died June 10, 1874.

* A correspondent of the "Inter-Ocean," of Chicago, writing from Albion, April 8, 1875, says:—"Among the early settlers here are William M. Clapp, ex-judge, banker and merchant; S. E. Alvord, publisher of the New Era; and Nelson Prentiss, merchant. These men are still in their prime, and may be seen any warm afternoon sunning themselves like tortoises. In a double sense they are doing this, for they bask in the sunshine of fortune, like other business men of Albion."

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Child of CHARLES W. and 1st wife JANE T. (Eaton) CLAPP, of Boston:

870. CHARLES W.,[8] b. Feb. 20, 1843; m. March 20, 1870, Ella Crofoot, of Newburyport. They live in Chelsea. Child:
871. *Arthur W.*,[9] b. Oct. 29, 1870.

Children of CHARLES W. and 2d wife MARY A. (Foster) CLAPP:

872. WALTER C.,[8] b. in Newport, R. I., Sept. 13, 1848.
873. FLORA B.,[8] b. in Boston, Sept. 20, 1854.
874. CORINNE C.,[8] b. in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 9, 1855.
875. HOWARD W.,[8] b. in Milton, Aug. 6, 1860.

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WILLIAM W.[7] (*William W.*,[6] *Bela*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *David*,[3] *Samuel*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born April 11, 1826. He resided abroad two years, completing his education, and became, in 1849, sole proprietor of the *Saturday Evening Gazette*, which he sold in 1865, when he purchased an interest in the *Boston Journal*, and became one of its managing editors. He held several positions in the militia, serving on the staff of Governor Andrew. He has been a member of the Common Council, Board of Aldermen and State Senate. In 1850, he wrote a work entitled "A Record of the Boston Stage." He married, Sept. 30, 1850, Caroline, daughter of George Dennie.

Children of WILLIAM W. and CAROLINE (Dennie) CLAPP:

876. MARY DENNIE,[8] b. July 21, 1851.
877. GEORGE DENNIE,[8] b. June 29, 1853.
878. MABEL DELANO,[8] b. April 22, 1865.

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ALMON M.[8] (*Ellis*,[7] *Joshua*,[6] *Joshua*,[5] *Joshua*,[4] *Joshua*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]), oldest son of Ellis and Keziah (Bowen) Clapp, was born in Killingly, Ct., Sept. 14, 1811. His prospects in early youth were such as usually attend the sphere of comparative poverty allied to unquestioned respectability, the common school offering to him the only means of an education.

In the fall of 1818, his father left his New England home, and emigrated to Western New York, at that time a comparative wilderness. By rigid economy, he had saved from his earnings a sum sufficient to purchase a farm of about one hundred acres in Livingston County. By dint of industrious effort, the forest disappeared, the soil was tilled, comfortable buildings were erected, and in a few years the wilderness was converted into fertile and productive fields, in the centre of which was a happy home. Being the eldest child, the subject of this sketch, though only seven years old, was made useful in the discharge of such duties as were adapted to his years and condition.

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i. CHARLES W.,[5] b. Feb. 20, 1843; m. March 20, 1870, [illegible] of Newburyport. They live in Cincinnati. Child: [illegible] *Arthur H.*,[6] b. Oct. 29, 1870.

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873. FLORA B.,[5] b. in Boston, Sept. 20, 1851.
874. CORINNE C.,[5] b. in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 9, 1855.
[illegible]. HOWARD W.,[5] b. in Mexico, Aug. 6, 1860.

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WILLIAM W.[3] (*Hezekiah H.*,[2] *Beba*,[1] *Joshua*,[1] *Deacon Thomas*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born April [illegible], resided abroad two years, completing his education. [illegible] 1849 sold proprietor of the *Saturday Morning Gazette*, in 1855, which he purchased a[illegible] in the *Boston Daily Advertiser*. He held [illegible] of Governor Andrew [illegible] Council. Court of A[illegible] work entitled [illegible] 19, [illegible] 30, 1850.

[illegible] (Wife of W. [illegible]

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ALMON M.[3] (*Elijah*,[2] *Joshua*,[1] *Joshua*,[1] *Jonathan*,[1] *Thomas*[1]), oldest son of Elijah and Keziah (Bowen) [illegible], in Killingly, Ct., Sept. 11, 1811. His prospects were such as usually attend the sons of comparatively well-to-do respectability, the common school [illegible] only means of an education.

In the fall of 1818, his father left his New England [illegible] to Western New York, at that time [illegible]. By right economy, he had saved from his [illegible] to purchase a farm of about one hundred [illegible] acres. By dint of herculean effort, the family [illegible] comfortable dwellings were erected [illegible] wilderness was converted into fertile and [illegible] which was long to be home. Being [illegible] the youngest of [illegible] only seven years [illegible] of the duties as were ad[illegible]

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At the age of fourteen, Almon left his father's house, not to return again, except as a welcome guest. He had read of Benjamin Franklin, in admiration of whose character and example he selected the life and lot of a printer for his future sphere of usefulness, and he adopted that vocation, determined upon success. He entered a small printing-office in the village of Geneseo, the county seat of Livingston County, as an apprentice, working patiently for three years, without much compensation therefor, except the progress he made in a knowledge of the art of printing. In 1828, he sought a wider field. He visited the then village of Buffalo, where he engaged to complete his education as a printer in the establishment of Day, Follet & Haskins, where he remained, laboring for sixty dollars a year, with board, lodging and washing, until he attained his majority.

Having reached the point where he was his own man, in 1831 he entered a classical school, where he studied and toiled for a few months to acquire a higher degree of mental culture. On the 19th of April, 1832, he married Miss Hannah Warren, youngest daughter of Gen. William Warren, at the village of Aurora, Erie Co., New York, her native place.

In 1843 Mr. Clapp entered upon a new departure in business. Forgetting the maxim that the "cobbler should stick to his last," he entered the mercantile mart in an adventure which proved disastrous to his pecuniary affairs and prospects. Nothing disheartened by this early misfortune, he returned to the vocation in which he had been educated, and, in 1835, through the aid of kind friends, he established a small weekly paper, called the Aurora Standard, in the village of Aurora, which he published and edited for three years, making it a pecuniary success. At the end of that time, he had extricated himself from his embarrassments.

In the winter of 1837 and 1838, organizations were developed on both sides of the Canadian frontier bordering upon the United States, which had for their purpose to wrest the Canadian Provinces from the dominion of Great Britain and establish therein an independent government. It was, at best, a hopeless adventure, but gained sufficient strength to create great anxiety on both sides of the boundary line, from Vermont to Michigan. Canadian soil was invaded by the "Patriots" who had collected on the American side of the frontier, and a few lives were lost at Prescott, opposite Ogdensburgh. In retaliation for this, late in the month of December the Canadians fitted out an expedition under the cover of night, which visited the American shore of the Niagara River, at Schlosser, a few miles above the cataract of Niagara, cut out the American steamer Caroline, towed her into the stream, and sent her over the falls.

At that time Mr. Clapp held a Captain's commission in the militia of the State of New York; and as the General Government had but a handful of troops with which to enforce the laws of neutrality and

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protect its own frontier on the Canadian border, the militia of Northern and Western New York were called into service, and under this summons Captain Clapp moved with his company to the front, entering the city of Buffalo on the first of January, 1838. He remained in the service for the term of three months, when the *emeute* was brought to a bloodless termination, and peace and quiet were restored along the frontier. Though no military renown was gained from this service, it opened the door to a new field of journalism, upon which Mr. Clapp entered in the city of Buffalo, where he continued his labors with slight intermission until April, 1869, when his connection with journalism ceased.

In July, 1838, Mr. Clapp became connected with the proprietorship and editorial conduct of the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, which position he held for more than a year, when he disposed of his interest in that journal and embarked in the book and job printing business in that city. This he continued until January, 1846, when he established the Buffalo Express, which proved a profitable enterprise.

Mr. Clapp has been an active, zealous and effective politician since he attained to full citizenship, and has labored with pen and voice, as his abilities have aided, in maintaining the supremacy of those principles and measures in government which, in his judgment, would best conserve the public interest. He was a whig, so long as that party had an existence, and when it became obsolete he cast his political fortunes with the Republican organization, its principles and purposes being, in his opinion, nearest akin to those of the party of his earlier faith. He has been honored with several positions by these two political parties. The first was in 1839, when he was elected Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Erie County, which he held for two terms. He was next appointed Loan Commissioner of the United States Deposit Fund, by the Governor of the State of New York, which position he held for some ten years. In 1853 he was elected to the Legislature of his State, as member of Assembly, from the first district of Erie County. This position was held but for a single term, as he positively declined a re-election. In 1856 the National Republican party was organized, and in 1857 the Republicans of New York nominated him as their candidate for Secretary of State. In that canvass he shared the fate of his party in defeat.

In 1861 President Lincoln appointed Mr. Clapp Postmaster of the city of Buffalo, and in 1865 re-appointed him. After the assassination of President Lincoln and succession of Andrew Johnson to the Presidency, he was removed in June, 1866, for disloyalty to that administration. In the fall of 1866 the Republicans of Erie County nominated him for member of Congress, and with his party he met defeat. In March, 1869, he was elected Congressional Printer by the United States Senate, in which position he has been sustained for

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six years, and without re-election, though his term of office is nominally for two years.

This latter is the most important civil trust yet held by Mr. Clapp, as he has the entire superintendence of the letter-press printing and binding for the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the Government of the United States. The great national printing-house in his charge employs altogether some twelve hundred persons, and disburses nearly two millions of dollars annually in the compensation of labor and the purchase of material.

The Hon. Almon M. Clapp presided at the Family Meeting at Northampton, in 1870. He delivered the opening address on that interesting occasion, which, with his dignified yet easy bearing through the whole of the proceedings of the day, contributed much to the enjoyment of that first public gathering of the family.

Children of ALMON M. and HANNAH (Warren) CLAPP:

879. HENRY H.,[9] b. April 12, 1833; m. Nov. 15, 1853, Olive M. Thomas, of Buffalo, N. Y. Children:
880. *Alice M.*,[10] b. in 1856.
881. *Olive E.*,[10] b. in 1864.
882. AMELIA M.,[9] b. Sept. 29, 1839.
883. WILLIAM ELLIS,[9] b. Dec. 28, 1852.

It will be seen, in the preceding pages, that although the descendants of ROGER and THOMAS Clapp do not vary much numerically as herein recorded, yet the former are somewhat the most numerous. It has been supposed that the excess in numbers was the other way. This may still be the case, as various causes have operated, not unlikely, to change the relative numbers of these two lists as reported to the compiler. Indulgence must be claimed for errors and omissions connected with each of the branches of the family. A supplementary account may in part supply some of these, but there will still be cause to say of the "Memorial" that it is not perfect.

The following item, relating to a prominent member of the "THOMAS" branch, having come to light too late for insertion in its proper place, is printed here.

The Rev. Dr. James McSparran, the learned and well-known missionary from England to Narragansett, in his *America Dissected*, written in 1752, speaking of New Haven College, says: "The president, Mr. Thomas Clap, was my scholar, when I came first into these parts, and, on all occasions, gratefully acknowledges his receiving the first rudiments of his learning from me, who, by the way, have not but a modicum to boast of myself."

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THE CLAPP FAMILY CEMETERY IN SCITUATE.

Some of the descendants of Col. Thomas Clapp have set apart a burying-place for the remains of their branch of the family. The spot is situated on the main road very near the present South Scituate Railroad station, in a northerly direction from the old mansion-house of their ancestor less than a quarter of a mile distant, and just at the foot of an ascent of 150 feet, called Coleman Heights. It is of a triangular shape, of about an acre in extent, and contains in all twelve gravestones, in memory of direct descendants of Col. Thomas. As mentioned on page 139, his grave-stones and those of his last wife were removed in 1828 from the town burying-ground and placed in this one. The inscriptions on these two are printed on the page alluded to, and the remaining ones are here given:

LEONARD CLAPP,
Died Apr. 8, 1852,
Aged 86 years.
BETSEY,
His wife
Died June 7, 1854,
Aged 81 years.

Hannah C.
wife of
Capt. CHANDLER CLAPP,
Died
May 5, 1866,
Aged 48 yrs. 6 mos.

In Memory of
Miss MARY CLAPP,
who died
Dec. 6, 1829,
aged 91 yrs.
& 17 days.

Erected
In Memory of
CHANDLER CLAPP, Esq.
who died
Dec. 25, 1832,
aged 78 years.

Erected
In Memory of
Mr. RUFUS CLAPP,
who died
June 8, 1834,
aged 75 years.

Erected
In Memory of
Mr.
AUGUSTUS CLAPP,
who died
Jan. 10th, 1831,
Aged 23 years,
& 4 months.

In Memory of
ORIANA
daughter of
Chandler and
Hannah Clapp
born Nov. 13, 1837
died Aug. 23, 1838
Aged 9 months
and 9 days.

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In memory of
Miss HANNAH CLAPP,
who died
Jan 9, 1840,
Aged 93 years.

In Memory of
Mr. AUGUSTUS CLAPP,
who died
Feb. 2d, 1827,
aged 75 yrs.

The following epitaphs on the twin brothers (Nos. 771 and 772) are inscribed on one gravestone.

In Memory of
Capt. ALFRED CLAPP
who was
lost at sea
April 1834
in his 31 year.

Oh! had he lived to reach his native land
And then expired, I would have blessed the hand;
But where my husband lies I may not lie,
Nor can I go, with broken heart to sigh
O'er his loved dust & strew with flowers his turf,
His pillow hath no cover but the surf; I may
Not pour the tear-drop from mine eye
Near his cold bed: he slumbers in the wave.
Oh! I will love the sea because it is his grave.

In Memory of
Mr. ALBERT CLAPP,
who died
June 26, 1838,
In his 35 year.

Farewell, dear friend of virtue and of truth,
Painful to part but hope supports the mind,
He's left this world of sorrow and of sin,
He's gone to feast on pleasures well refined.
But O! his kind companion's left to mourn,
Her loss is great, where can she find relief?
Submission to God's will does peace afford,
A sovereign cordial to console her grief.

As a brief and interesting illustration of the part which the citizens of Scituate took in the public movements which immediately preceded the Revolutionary War, the following records are copied from Deane's History of the town.

October 3, 1774.

"It was put whether the Town would chose a committee of Inspection, to see that the Continental Association shall be strictly adhered to, and passed in the affirmative. A Committee of Inspection was then chosen, consisting of John Cushing, jr., Nathan Cushing, Esq., Charles Turner, Israel Vinal, jr., Nathaniel Waterman, Joseph Tolman, James Otis, William Turner, Barnabas Little, John Palmer, Galen Clap, Anthony Waterman, Noah Otis, Joseph Stetson, Increase Clap, Gideon Vinal, Eli Curtis, Samuel Clap, Abiel Turner, Barnabas Barker, George Morton, Ignatius Otis, Thomas Mann, Deacon Samuel Jenkins, Paul Bailey, Calvin Pierce, Amasa Bailey, Deacon Joseph Bailey, Constant Clap, John Jacob, and James Briggs."

At the same meeting a committee of correspondence was chosen, viz.

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"John Cushing, jr., Nathan Cushing, Esq., Joseph Tolman, Barnabas Little, Israel Vinal, jr., Galen Clap, Abiel Turner, Noah Otis, Nathaniel Waterman, Dea. Joseph Bailey and Eli Curtis."

January 18, 1775, the committee of inspection reported to the Town this "Publick Information."

"The Publick are hereby informed that on the 9th Inst. the Committee of Inspection, by request of the Town, waited on Charles Curtis and Frederick Henderson, shopkeepers, to know whether they intended to adhere to the Continental Association, the former of whom rendered the following answer: 'I shall *not* adhere to it,' and the latter replied as the former, adding, 'I don't know any *Congress*,'—whose ignorance is the more to be wondered at, seeing he has been an inhabitant of this Continent and Town several years, since quitting his marine vocation. Therefore the inhabitants of this Town do hereby resolve to break off all dealing whatsoever with said refractory shopkeepers, until they shall give publick and absolute satisfaction to the foresaid Committee and Town, touching their open refractoriness relative to said salutary Association—trusting in the mean time that the publick will condescend to trouble their memories with their names and characters.

"JOHN CUSHING, jr., Chairman."

At a meeting of the Town, May 29, 1775.

"Voted to recommend to the inhabitants of this Town to bring their fire arms and accoutrements with them to meeting, on the Sabbath, June 19, 1775."

This may have had reference to a plan concerted about that time, for capturing Capt. Balfour, who was stationed in the neighboring town of Marshfield, with the "Queen's Guards," and who, it was thought, might attempt to march through Scituate to Boston. But the British at Boston, by some means, learned the design, and took off this beautiful company of Guards by water, just in season to be annihilated at the battle of Bunker-hill, on the 17th of June.

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IV.

NICHOLAS AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Nicholas Clapp

Was the fourth son of Richard Clapp of England, and was born in England, in 1612. Of his brothers, Thomas came with him to this country, John emigrated some time afterwards, and Ambrose and Richard remained behind. It was doubtless by the advice and encouragement of his cousin Roger, who was three years his senior, that he came to New England. He probably arrived in Dorchester in 1633, as his name appears on the records of the town the next year. Many others also arrived from Old England in 1633 and the year previous, so that the inhabitants had become many more in numbers than the few score who came with Roger in 1630. That year found them with a meeting-house built, and witnessed also the commencement of the practice of choosing a body of Selectmen to manage the affairs of the town. A fort was likewise ordered to be built in 1633 on "y^e^ Rock upon Rock-hill," to be paid for by the town, and liberty was given Mr. Israel Stoughton to build a mill on Neponset River. Mr. Clapp was a man highly respected by his cotemporaries; he held a number of the responsible offices of the town, and was a Deacon of the church. His name is found on the list of jurors at a special court held in September, 1653, relative to disputed matters connected with the Lynn Iron Works. He married, first, Sarah Clapp, a sister to Capt. Roger Clapp; he married, second, Abigail, widow of Robert Sharp, of Brookline. He lived in the north part of the town, on the westerly side of what is now Boston Street, a little south of the Five Corners, and near the house where my father Deacon Ebenezer Clapp lived and died, and it is supposed he set out the orchard which was on my father's land contiguous to his house, as my grandfather, Noah Clapp, who died in 1799, told my mother that the man who set out those trees had been dead one hundred and thirty years. Some of these trees remained many years after this, and a few doubtless reached the age of two hundred years before their dead branches and decayed trunks were finally removed from the soil which had been cultivated by no less than six generations.

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He owned land also in various other places, as will be seen by his inventory, many acres being located in parts long since occupied by streets and buildings. In 1667, a tax was laid by the town of half a penny on each acre of ploughed land on the Neck (now South Boston), and Nicholas's tax that year was 11d. For the use of land on the Neck as pasture, no tax was assessed. The fac-simile of his autograph here given is obtained from a list in the Town Records of the male inhabitants of the town, appended to an instrument conveying to Dorchester all rents and profits of Thompson's Island, for the support of a Free School. He died suddenly in his barn, Nov. 24, 1679.

In 1849, several of his descendants in Dorchester and Boston, actuated by a desire that some fitting memorial of his worth and of his position as their emigrant ancestor, should be preserved in the ancient cemetery where he was buried, caused to be erected there a handsome marble grave-stone, on which is inscribed the following epitaph. The stone is near the westerly corner of the ground, but a few feet distant from Stoughton Street, and around it are the simple head-stones of many of his relatives and cotemporaries.

The Puritans are dead!
One venerable head
Pillows below.
His grave is with us seen,
'Neath Summer's gorgeous green
And Autumn's golden sheen,
And Winter's snow.

In memory of

DEACON NICHOLAS CLAP,

One of the early settlers of Dorchester.
He came to New England about 1633, and died Nov. 24, 1679, aged 67 years. His descendants, to whom he left the best of all patrimony, the example of a benevolent, industrious and Christian life, erect this stone to his memory 170 years after his decease.

His piety,
His constancy in virtue and in truth,
These on tradition's tongue shall live; these shall
From sire to son be handed down
To latest time.

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INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF DEA. NICHOLAS CLAPP.

	£	s.	d.
His wearing apparel	4	04	3
A Bed and bedding that belongs to it	7	11	6
A Saddle, pillion and pillion cloth, pad & some small things	2	13	0
Bed & Bedding in East chamber	2	13	6
A great chest, sheeps Wool and other small things	4	11	3
Bed & bedding in the West chamber	4	06	6
Sheets, pillow beers and other linen	5	15	0
Brass kettle, pans & some small things	3	04	9
Pewter	1	18	0
Books and other small things		19	6
Iron Pot, Iron kettle & other Iron implements	1	09	0
Table, hozen & chairs & some other things	3	04	9
Cart & Wheels & tackling belonging thereto	5	12	0
Swine	5	04	0
Sheep	4	00	0
A Yoke of Oxen	8	00	0
Three Cows & three Young Cattle	12	16	0
Four horsekinde	5	00	0
Hay and other stover	10	00	0
Indian Corn, Barley, Oats and Rye	13	09	0
Upland at the Mouth of the Neck,* three Acres	15	00	0
The plough land behind the house	30	00	0
Seven Acres of Upland at Leeks Hill†	32	00	0
Fourteen Acres of Upland & pasture at Roxbury Neck‡	70	00	0
The Meadow and upland before the door	40	00	0
The Meadow at the bottom of the home lot	30	00	0
Nine acres of Meadow at the mouth of the great Neck	80	00	0
Two Acres of Meadow at Leek's Hill	20	00	0
A piece of Meadow at Pine neck§	10	00	0
Four Acres of pasture at the great neck	30	00	0
A Quarter of the tide Mill	25	00	0
The first Division of land in the Woods‖	15	00	0
The second Division of land in the Woods	10	00	0
The third Division of land in the Woods	8	00	0
A piece of land by Goodman Tolmans¶	10	00	0
Amount carried forward	531	12	0

* "The Neck" was the general name for all that part of Dorchester included in the peninsula afterwards and now known as South Boston. The mouth or entrance to it was by the old Causeway road over the low salt marsh which bordered the northern part of the town. The first upland reached in going northward over that road (now called Washington Village), with the salt marsh immediately north of it, went by the name of Little Neck, while the heights beyond and all the rest of South Boston were called Great Neck, the mouth of the latter being the low lands between the two necks.

† At the junction of the present Dorchester and Third Streets, near Emerson Street, South Boston. Doubtless named from Thomas Lake, who d. in Dor. Oct. 27, 1678.

‡ Probably what was called Black Neck, near the Roxbury boundary, and in the extreme north-west part of the town of Dorchester.

§ A part of what is now known as Neponset, in Dorchester.

‖ In the town of Stoughton, then part of Dorchester. A deposition of John Bird, of Dorchester, in 1731, he being then in the 90th year of his age, shows that 80 acres of this "land in the woods" fell to the share of Nicholas's son Ebenezer.

¶ On the Lower Road, now Adams Street.

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				£	s.	d.
Amount brought forward				531	12	0
The dwelling house and barn and outhousing and orchard .				80	00	0
A Corsler, Pike & sword, common right beyond blew hills				2	00	0
That which the widow brought and now to be prized was as followeth:						
Bed & Bedding	6	00	6			
Linen, 3. 18. 0. pewter, 6[d]; brass, 2. 18. 6. books, 6[d]; and some other things, 1. 15. 6.	8	13	0			
Two Iron pots, & andirons & other Iron Ware, ...	2	9	6			
				17	03	0
Total				£629	15	7
The other given in afterward				13	10	0
				643	05	7
The estate is indebted				285	01	3
Leaving				358	04	4

The appraisers were James Humfrey, William Sumner, Henry Leadbetter.

His two oldest sons, Nathaniel and Ebenezer, were administrators. Nathaniel died in 1707; Ebenezer, in 1712. At that time they had not finished settling the estate, and Noah was appointed in 1716 to complete the settlement.

Children of NICHOLAS and 1st wife SARAH CLAPP:

2. SARAH,[2] b. Dec. 31, 1637. She probably d. young, at least previous to 1670, when her half sister was born and called by the same name.

+3. NATHANIEL,[2] b. Sept. 15, 1640; d. May 16, 1707, aged 67 years.

+4. EBENEZER,[2] b, in 1643; d. in Milton, July 31, 1712.

5. HANNAH,[2] b. in 1646; m. Oct. 14, 1668, Ebenezer Strong, of Northampton, and removed to that town. They were the great-grandparents of Caleb Strong, U. S. Senator 1789–97, and the able and efficient governor of Massachusetts during the years 1800–07 and 1812–16, but whose opposition to the war with England, during the last named period, drew upon him the severest censure of his political opponents, and created an unhappy state of disagreement with the national authorities at Washington. Ebenezer was brother to Samuel Strong, who m. Esther Clapp (No. 7 of EDWARD). Ebenezer d. Jan. 11, 1729, aged 86 years.

Children of NICHOLAS and 2d wife ABIGAIL (Sharp) CLAPP:

6. NOAH,[2] b. July 15, 1667. He removed to Sudbury, Mass., probably early in life, as the only record of him in Dorchester is that of his birth and baptism. He m. in Sudbury, July 28, 1690, Mary Wright. He was Town Clerk in Sudbury thirteen years —between 1721 and 1736—and held other important offices in the town. He died there in 1753, aged about 86 years, his wife

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having died previously. He probably married twice, Mary being his last wife.

WILL OF NOAH CLAPP, OF SUDBURY.

Know all men by these presents that I Noah Clap of Sudbury in the County of Mid^{x} Yeoman. Being of perfect mind and memory, Do make this my last Will and Testament, as followeth.

Impri^{s} I commit my Soul to God and my Body to the Earth Decently to be buried by my executors hereafter named to be charged to my estates, and as touching the rest part of my Temporal Estate which God hath mercifully bestowed upon me, I depose of as followeth.

Item first that my just & due Debts be Payd and discharged out of my old estate.

Item I give and bequeath unto my four grand children viz to Noah Bowker £3 6*s* 8*d* lawful money; to Joseph Bowker £3 6*s* 0*d* lawful money; to Hannah Joyner £3 6*s* 8*d* lawful money and to Mary Moore £3 6*s* 8*d* lawful money. To be Paid by my Ex^{r} here after named out of my Estate Before Division thereof.

Item I give and bequeath unto Tristram Cheney of said Sudbury the one half of the lands and Buildings which is mine, Bounded as followeth, ... the other half of said land and buildings I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Anne Clap viz. the improvement and income thereof Dureing her natural life, and at her decease I give and bequeath said premises which y^{e} said Anne is to have the improvement of as aforesaid unto my grandson Elias Cheney son of John Cheney and Mary Cheney, to him, his heirs, and Assigns forever, Bounded as followeth, ... and the above said premises which I have before bequeathed, unto s^{d} Tristram, I give to him, his heirs, and Assigns forever;

The whole whereof bounded as followeth viz. Bound westerly By Hopp Meadow, Southerly By lands left for a high way; Easterly By land laid out to the Rite of M^{r}. Pelham and Northerly By lands of Hezekiah Moore. Furthermore I do hereby constitute and appoint Tristram Cheney aforesaid my Executor of this my last will and testament.

Dated this 20th day of June A.D. 1751 In the 25th year of his Majesties Reign.

Noah Clap (and a seal).

Witnesses:
Samuel Browne.
Hopestill Browne.
Josiah Browne.
Cornelius Wood.
John Cheney.

There was a supplement to the will, dated Jan. 12, 1753, in which he says that as he has omitted to name his moveable estate, &c., he wished that to be taken to pay just debts and funeral charges.

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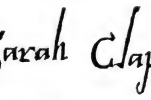
Children of Noah and Mary Clapp, of Sudbury.

7. *Anne*,[3] b. Sept. 10, 1691; was never married. In a document in the probate office of Middlesex Co., she is styled *non compos mentis*, and she is supposed to have lived to the age of 60 or 70 years.
8. *Sarah*,[3] b. April 30, 1693; m. first, Feb. 21, 1721, John Bowker, and had at least two children; m. second, Mr. Moore, and had a daughter.
9. *Mary*,[3] b. Sept. 20, 1695; m. Dec. 25, 1730, John Cheney, of Framingham, and had at least two children living in 1751.
10. *Elias*,[3] b. June 14, 1709; d. Oct. 5, 1713.
11. *Noah*,[3] d. in infancy, Sept. 27, 1714.
12. *A daughter*,[3] m. Mr. Joyner.
13. SARAH,[2] b. December, 1670; the Dorchester church records say, bapt. 11 (10) 1670. She m. June 2, 1689, Joseph, son of Timothy Mather, of Windsor, Conn. The autograph of Sarah Clapp, a fac simile of which is here given, is from a fly-leaf in a printed book more particularly referred to under the record of her brother Nathaniel (No. 3). Other specimens of her penmanship are also given on the same leaf, comprising some poetic lines possessed of a peculiar interest. This autograph is without date, but doubtless was written before her marriage in 1689.



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NATHANIEL[2] (*Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of Nicholas and Sarah Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Sept. 15, 1640. He married, March 31, 1668, Elizabeth, daughter of Lawrence Smith. He was a man highly respected in the town, and of good estate. He was one of the two constables of the town in 1671. He brought up his oldest son at Harvard College. The Dorchester Church Records say of him: "May 16th, 1707, Mr. Nathaniel Clap, a choice man, rested in the Lord and was interred May 17th." Mrs. Clapp died Sept. 19 ["12th," gravestone], 1722. Mr. Clapp probably lived on the lot of land which makes the western angle of the open place known as the Five Corners, in Dorchester, now junction of Boston, Cottage and Pond Streets. The fac simile of his autograph here given is from a printed book which must have been prized by the family, as his brother Ebenezer, his sister Sarah and his son Nathaniel all recorded their names in it under different dates. The date of this signature is "Nouember 25th 1679." There is in the book a date of 1658, accompanying apparently a name, which cannot now be deciphered. The book itself was printed in London in 1623, and contains two sermons by "William Whately, Preacher of the Word of God in Banburie." The first sermon is entitled,

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"Mortification. A Sermon Preached vpon the Third to the Colossians, the fifth Verse; *Mortifie therefore your members that are on earth.*" The second, "Charitable Teares: or a Sermon Shewing How Needfvll a Thing it is for every Godly Man to lament the common sinnes of our Countrie."

WILL OF NATHANIEL CLAPP, OF DORCHESTER.

In the name of God Amen. The two and twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seven, I Nathaniel Clap of Dorchester in the County of Suffolk, in her Majᵗʸˢ Province of the Massachᵗˢ Bay in New England, Being very sick and weak of Body; But of perfect mind and memory; Thanks be given to God therefor; calling to mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to dye: Do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament. That is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, & my Body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent and christian manner, at the discretion of my loving Wife and children, nothing doubting but that at the General Resurrection, I shall receive yᵉ same again by the Almighty power of God. And as touching such Worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with I give & Dispose of yᵉ same in the following manner and form:

Impʳˢ: my Will is that my funeral expenses & just debts be discharged by my Execʳˢ hereafter named. I do Will and give unto each of my loveing children To Wit, Nathaniel, John, Jonathan and Ebenezer Clap & Elizabeth Sumner the sum of sixty pounds a pᵉ. That is to say wᵗʰ what they have had already. Item I do give unto my son Jonathan Clap yᵉ lott on wᶜʰ his house stands, that is to say the piece of land that I bought of my brother White for his sixty pounds, & also I give to my son Jonathan that piece of land I had of the Town lying by his house. Item my Will is that my son Jonathan shall have yᵉ orchard & the three acres of land be yᵉ same more or less Joyning to the Lott aboveⁿᵈ at the southernmost End thereof, That is to say after his Mothers decease, for his portion; he paying to the rest of my children the overplus if there be any. Item my will is that my son Jonathan shall pay for the last piece of Land mentioned Namely the three acres & Orchard, unto his Mother Yearly in good money the just sum of one pound & ten shillings during her natural life, if he see cause to hire the same. Item I do give unto each of my Grand-children which are now in being the sum of six shillings, as a token of my love to them. Item my Will is that what I have given to my Grand-children be paid to them, or to their Parents for their use by my Executors, and that within the space of one Year after my decease. Item I do give and bequeath unto my dear and loving Wife all the use, benefit and profit of all and every part of my Estate, both housing and land, Goods and Chattels of what kind soever During her natural life; That is to say after my children have had their sum aforeⁿᵈ and all is payed before mentioned. Item I do give unto my loveing Wife the value of Twenty pounds of my moveable Estate to dispose of as she thinks meet. Item my Will is that after the decease of my beloved Wife, that so much of my Estate as is then left be equally divided amongst all my children, Excepting only a double share part or portion thereof unto my eldest son namely Nathaniel Clap. Item I do ordain and constitute my two Sons namely Jonathan and Ebenezer Clap to be Execʳˢ

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of this my last Will and Testament; And I do hereby utterly disallow, Revoke & disannul every other Testament and Will by me made & do Ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last Will & Testam^{t}.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & Year above written.

NATHANIEL CLAP [and a seal].

Signed, sealed & published, pronounced & declared by the said Nathaniel Clap, to be his last Will & Testament, in presence of John Blake, Samuel Clap, The mark of + Mary Clap.

Children of NATHANIEL and ELIZABETH (Smith) CLAPP:

+14. NATHANIEL,[3] b. in Dorchester, Jan. 20, 1668–9; d. Oct. 30, 1745; minister at Newport, R. I.
+15. JOHN,[3] b, April 7, 1671; settled in Sudbury; d. Nov. 26, 1735.
+16. JONATHAN,[3] b. Aug. 31, 1673; d. Jan. 2, 1723–4.
17. ELIZABETH,[3] b. May 22, 1676; m. March 14, 1699-1700, Ebenezer, son of Dea. Roger Sumner, then of Milton.
+18. EBENEZER,[3] b. Oct. 25, 1678; d. May 20, 1750.
19. MEHETABEL,[3] b. Aug. 30, 1684; d. Feb. 20, 1685.

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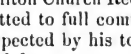
EBENEZER[2] (*Nicholas*[1]), second son of Nicholas and Sarah Clapp, was born in Dorchester in 1643. His first wife, Elizabeth, died Dec. 20, 1701, aged 57 years. He married, second, Nov. 11, 1702, Elizabeth Dickerman, who survived her husband and married Edward Dorr, of Roxbury. In her will, dated May, 1728, she remembers her first husband's brothers. She died Jan. 30, 1732–3, in the 64th year of her age. Neither of the wives left any children. Ebenezer Clapp resided in that part of Dorchester which in 1665 was set off as the town of Milton. He was admitted a member of the church in Dorchester May 3, 1665. In the Records of that church, April 24, 1678, it is stated that "there was a church gathered by some of our brethren that lived in Milton." On account of some difference of opinion in regard to it, this service was performed in Dorchester, and Ebenezer was one of the first signers of the covenant. Aug. 28, 1681, according to the Milton Church Records, "Sister Clap, wife to Ebenezer Clap, was admitted to full communion" with that church. Mr. Clapp was much respected by his townsmen, was an Ensign in the military company, and for several years one of the Selectmen of Milton. He died in that town July 31, 1712, aged 69. His autograph, as here represented, occurs on a fly-leaf of the book described in the record of his brother Nathaniel (No. 3). Connected with his name and elegantly written, are these words: "his Book in possession this 15th of Aprill 1679."



The following is a copy of his will:

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WILL OF EBENEZER CLAPP, OF MILTON.

"These presents Witnesseth and Declareth this to be the last Will & Testament of Ebenezer Clap of Milton in the County of Suffolk, in her Majᵗˡᵉˢ Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, being infirm in Body, and know not the time of my Dissolution (which cannot be long) Yet through the Mercy of God, of Memory and understanding Competent as formerly Do make this my last Will and Testament this Tenth of June, 1708, in manner and form followeth.

Imprimis I resign up my soul to God that gave it, that it may be received into the heavenly Mansions purchased and prepared for it by Christ Jesus my Dear Lord and only Saviour, and my Body to be decently Interred in hope of a joyful resurrection at the last day; and as for my temporal estate my Will is, that all my dues and just Debts and funeral be discharged, I do Will, ordain and make my Dear and loving Wife Elizabeth Clap to be the Executrix of this my last Will and Testament while God continue her Life and then our Brother John Dickerman or his heir, I do ordain and make Executors of this my Will, after my Dear Wifes death, and I do give the rest of my Estate to my Dear and loving Wife aforeˢᵈ to be disposed of by her with all the income of the same for her comfortable maintenance or the rewarding of any that shew kindness to her of our kindred. And if it shall please God that my Dear Wife should marry again; my Will is, that the Man that marry's her shall not live in my house without it be with the consent of our Brother Dickerman or his heir then surviving, and that any Man that shall marry my now Wife, shall have no power to demand, or dispose of anything of my estate, Except our Brother Dickerman and my Dear Wife shall agree to any sum of Dowry to her satisfaction. And my Will is that if our dear Brother Dickerman, and his that have been kind to us, do fulfill his Articles, and hold on, and still carry kind to his sister my Wife during her life, all the housing and land that are mine, and whatsoever else my Dear Wife do not order or Will in her life time, I do give to our Brother John Dickerman and his heirs as their proper Estate.

In Witness thereof I the said Ebenezer Clap have set my hand and seal, dated above one thousand seven hundred and eight this tenth of June, in the seventh Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne.

EBENEZER CLAP [and a seal].

Witnesses:
Nathˡ Blake, Nathaniel Wales,
Edward Blake.

The Inventory of the above estate of Ebenezer Clapp consisted of a house, orchard, land, farming utensils, &c.; amounting in all to £685 5*s*.

As mentioned in a note on page 94, Ebenezer Clapp* was one of the twelve original signers of the covenant of the church in Milton. His name does not occur again in the church records of that town up to the time of his death, but it often occurs in the county records.

* Ebenezer Clapp seems to have been a skilful penman. In addition to his autograph already shown, which may be supposed to represent his ordinary signature, his name, as here given, is found on the outside margin of a page in the printed book referred to, condensed into the narrow space reserved for occasional marginal references. There is little doubt it was placed there near the time when the other one was written, and by himself; indeed it is doubtful whether any other holder of the book, then or since, could have done it so well. Ebenezer clap

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NATHANIEL[3] (*Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Smith) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Jan. 20, 1668–9, and died in Newport, R. I., Oct. 30, 1745. His early years were passed in Dorchester, and from what is known of his tastes and habits when grown to manhood, and from his early letters relating to books in possession of his kindred, there is little doubt that while quite young he acquired the love of reading and the desire to accumulate the literary productions of the day, which so strongly characterized him in after life. A fac simile of his autograph, executed in the year 1685, while in College, is here given. It is accompanied with a scroll, such as is occasionally to be found in writings of those days, some of which were very elaborate and very skilfully done. This is taken from the book referred to in his father's record as containing autographs of other members of the family. He graduated at Harvard College, 1690, and in 1695 went to Newport, R. I., as a missionary, by advice of the Congregational ministers of Boston. He preached there, under many discouragements, until 1720, when a church was formed and he was ordained pastor. During these twenty-five years there must have been, it would seem, a lack of zeal and of faith on the part of the people, as well as the exercise of great perseverance on that of their minister. The church flourished, after it was organized, for about three years, when an unhappy schism took place, in part occasioned by his views and practice respecting the Sacraments. He distrusted his people being in a right condition to partake of the Lord's Supper, and therefore almost entirely discontinued its administration, and the ordinance of baptism he withheld in certain instances. The church and society disagreed with him, and sought relief in employing a colleague, who was not acknowledged as such by Mr. Clapp, nor allowed by him to preach. In consequence, many withdrew and were formed into what was afterwards known as the Second Congregational Church. In 1740 Joseph Gardner, of Boston (grad. H. C. 1732), was settled as colleague with him, and was dismissed June 10, 1743. In 1744, Mr. C. received as a colleague Mr. Jonathan Helyer, a native of Boston, who graduated at Harvard College in 1738. Mr. C. continued over the First Church till his death, and, notwithstanding their disagreements on some important points, was beloved and revered by both church and congregation, and respected by members of other denominations. A second edifice was built for the First Church in 1729. It is now owned and occupied by the Unitarian Society of Newport, and is on Mill Street. The First and Second Churches have become united into one, called the "United Congregational Church;" and its handsome stone edifice, built about twenty years since and capable of holding about 1000

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worshippers, stands on the corner of Spring and Pelham Streets. In one of its lecture-rooms still hangs a portrait of its first minister, in good condition, having been retouched, or cleansed, not many years since.

When the celebrated minister Whitefield came to New England, in 1740, he visited Mr. Clapp at Newport, on arriving in that town from Charleston, S. C., and had a more cordial welcome from him than Nathaniel's kinsman, President Thomas, of Yale College, was willing to extend to the great preacher. Mr. Whitefield was much impressed with the venerable appearance and fervent prayers of "the good old Puritan," and could not but think, as he says, that he was "sitting with one of the patriarchs." Dean Berkeley also said of Mr. C., "Before I saw Father Clap, I thought the Bishop of Rome had the gravest aspect of any man I ever saw; but really the minister of Newport has the most venerable appearance." Blake, in his Biographical Dictionary, says of him that "he maintained through life a character distinguished for piety and the social virtues."

The following anecdote is related of him: A little girl brought him a small present of some nice refreshment, and upon knocking at his door was invited in. After she had accomplished her errand, Mr. Clapp invited her to a room, where was a table, on which were a dish of fruit, a piece of money and a book. Of these articles, he bid her take her choice. She chose the book, which so pleased the old gentleman that he bid her take all three.

Another anecdote is told as illustrative of Mr. Clapp's perfect independence in thought and action, and his persistence in adhering to cherished though unpopular beliefs. A council of ministers from Boston was held to consider the matter of the anticipated division of the Newport church on account of the pastor's peculiar views and practices in regard to the administration of the Lord's Supper. After private consultation the council agreed upon advising him to yield to the wishes of the church and conform to the usual custom of other churches in this matter. He was called upon and informed of the decision. He listened patiently and silently to all that was said in the way of urging him to heed their advice. He then, still without speaking, passed round to the members a dish of figs, and when each of them had taken one, he abruptly left the room, saying as he went out—"A fig for you all!"

In the year 1715, occurred in Newport one of those tragic events which occasionally strike terror into a whole community and call forth the deepest commiseration. It was the murder of his wife and her sister by a man named Jeremiah Meacham, while under the influence probably of delirium tremens. The circumstances attending the murder, together with the culprit's trial, condemnation and execution, in a quiet and religious community like that which then dwelt in Newport, produced an intense excitement, and called into requisition the personal labors of Mr. Clapp, both private and pro-

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fessional. Three sermons preached by him on the occasion, two of which were listened to by the criminal a short time before his death, together with an account of the man's life, of the murder, trial and execution, his confessions, prayers and last dying words, the correctness of the latter certified to by the Governor of Rhode Island, were printed in Boston, at first issued separately, the whole making a volume of nearly 200 18mo. pages. An extract from Mr. Clapp's "Impartial Account of the Inhumane and Barbarous Murder," printed at the end of his first sermon, gives further particulars in regard to it, and shows the state of feeling produced by it.

New-port on Rhode-Island.

"Never was this Town put into a greater Consternation since I came into it, than that which was occasioned by the Terrible Tragedies of the Evening next after *March* 22, 1715.

"All the Alarms that have been made by the Notices of Enemies upon the Coast have never so Terrifyed the Generality of People here.

"For on that Evening, a Poor Man, having been for some time Exercised with Grievous Hurries of Mind, after he had sat on his House Top some part of the Day, and been in his Chamber much of the Afternoon. His Wife and her Sister, upon his Invitation, going up into the Chamber to him, after Sun-set; while they were striving to Persuade him to go down with them, or to Prevent his Hurting of himself, He Stabb'd his Wife in her Throat with a Pen knife, and then struck her and her Sister down with an Ax; Barbarously Murdering them, and miserably mangling their Bodies with several Dreadful Stroaks, and then stood on his Guard, with his Pen knife, and his Ax in his hand; Knock'd one Man down, as he was going up Stairs; Others Endeavoring to Apprehend him, by Breaking up the Floor under him and the Roof over him, and carrying some Fire Flaming before them, to light their way, He Snatch'd away the Fire, laid it among some combustible Matter, got Ready more, quickly Kindled a great fire in the Chamber, made the Room too hot for himself, Sprang out at the Window, among the People, that were now Surrounding his House. And being Apprehended, was imprisoned: And the Court Speedily Approaching, He was Tryed, found Guilty, Condemned, and within a short Time Executed, as the World hath been already informed."

"So Great was the consternation upon the Minds of People, thus occasioned, that not only little Children were afraid to Lodge in the Night, in their usual Places, and were willing to have their Beds Remov'd into Places, where lodged bigger persons; but even up-grown Persons were Affraid, in the Day Time, to go into a Room alone, far Distant from the Rest of the Family: Such a Dread was upon their Spirits.

"While the minds of People were under this Dreadful Consternation, the Sermon Published herewith, was Preached in a Congregation, where Divers then seemed mightily Affected, as if Desirous to Know the meaning of the Voice of God in his Providence: and to Comply with His Will.

"When I understood that many of the Hearers desired the Publication of the Sermon, as a more Durable Remembrancer of the impressions then made upon their Souls, than their own Treacherous Memories were like to be; I was not utterly Unwilling to Gratify the Desires of them, who Designed not only their own benefit, but also the Benefit of Others in what they proposed."

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After giving a "Narrative" of the murderer, Mr. Clapp says:

"People of all Persuasions here, had manifested their Charitable Compassions toward him. The *Episcopal* Minister hath frequently Visited him in Prison, with his Councils and Prayers. One of the Ancientest Men among the *Antipædo Baptists* Accompanied him, and Prayed with him near his Last Moments. From the *Quakers* he had a Letter of Advice, to evidence *Unfeigned Repentance*, and to Consider, *There is Mercy with the Lord that He may be Feared.*"

Meacham's crime was committed March 22; his trial took place April 8; he was sentenced April 9, and executed April 12. With regard to this apparent haste, Mr. Clapp remarks:

"As the time of his execution drew near, he manifested no reluctancy to attend it; only he complained, that the time between the Sentence and his Death was very short; then he was told, that it was much longer than what he allowed unto those whom he had murdered, and that he had lived longer by near three weeks, than he would have suffered himself to have lived, had he been left unto his own will.

"He desired that God would furnish him with Courage to Glorify his Name, and Encounter the Terrors of Death.

"As he drew near to the Place of his Execution, he seemed mightily amazed; but so recovered, as to utter several things, that were by some accounted considerable; some of them are preserved.

"But in all the Expressions that he uttered, when he came to Dy, he pretended unto no more hopes concerning the good State of his Soul, than what might be implied in his desires of an absolute Resignation to the Will of God; with entire dependance on the free Grace, the Infinite Sovereign Mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ."

In addition to the published sermons of Rev. Nathaniel Clapp, already referred to, a duodecimo from his pen, entitled "The Duty of all Christians" was published in 1720. He was also the author of the "Advice to Children," which makes the concluding part of the New England Primer, a work long used in the public schools.

Upon the occasion of his death, a discourse was delivered by Rev. John Callender, from Hebrews xiii. 7, 8, wherein the character of the deceased was fully delineated. He says of him:

"The main stroke in his character was his eminent sanctity and piety, and an ardent desire to promote the knowledge and practice of true godliness in others."

"He thought his station required more than common instances of innocency, self-denial and caution."

"His charity embraced good men of all denominations. He had little value for merely speculative, local, nominal christianity, and a form of godliness without the power."

"He abounded in acts of charity and beneficence to the poor and necessitous, who have lost in him a kind father and guardian."

"He abounded in contrivances to do good by scattering books of piety and virtue, not such as minister questions and strife, but godly edifying; and put himself to a very considerable expence that he might in this method, awaken the careless and secure, comfort the feeble minded, succour the tempted, instruct the ignorant, and quicken, animate and encourage all."

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"There are two things in which he excelled in so remarkable a manner that I must not omit them: his care about the education of children, and his concern for the instruction of servants."

"The conclusion of his life and ministry was a peaceful and happy death, without those raptures which some boast of, but with perfect resignation to the Will of God, and good hope and humble confidence in Christ Jesus, who was the sum of his doctrine and the end of his conversation."

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF REV. NATHANIEL CLAP, MINISTER OF NEWPORT, R. I.

	£	s.	d.
His Apparel	101	11	
A Bed, bedstead, Bedding, table linen, &c.	24	18	
Sundry chests, Trunks, Boxes, Table, Chairs, &c.	15	6	
Two pair of Andirons, Tongs, Hammer, Chafing dishes, Gridiron, Trivett, Candlesticks, Warming pan, Fire shovel, Bellows, Iron pott, Brass Kittle and other household utensils	11	16	6
Pewter ware, £5 10s. Stone & Earthen ware, 26s.	6	16	
Glass ware, 50s. a cane and brass scale 14s.	3	4	
Sugar box's & other Wooden Ware	1	3	2
Inkhorn, Combs, Razors, Sealing Wax, Spectacles, Pocket books and other small things	4	5	6
His Books & Pamphlets and paper	516	7	
The one half of an old dwelling House & the one third of a small barn, both in Dorchester	35		
About 4 acres of land about the house	200		
The two fifth parts of about 5 acres of Upland & meadow before the door	80		
About 4 acres of pasture land in the first Division in Dorchester	100		
About 4 acres of Pasture land at Dorchester Neck	160		
The $\frac{1}{4}$ of 3 A. 0 qr. 20 rods in the 8th lott in the division of Cedar Swamp in Stoughton	1	10	
The $\frac{1}{2}$ part of 3 A. 3 qr. 0 rods in the 39th Lott in the said division of Cedar Swamp	2	10	
The $\frac{1}{2}$ part of 4 A. 2 qr. 0 r. in the 21st Lott in the Division of Meadow bottom in Stoughton	3		
The $\frac{1}{3}$ part of 3 A. 3 qr. 0 r. in the 25th Lott in the said division of Meadow bottom	12	10	
The $\frac{1}{2}$ part of 75 acres in the 17th Lott in the 25th division in Stoughton	25		
The $\frac{1}{3}$ part of 62 A. 2 qr. 0 r. in the 36th Lott in said 25th division	83		
Several gold rings & pieces of Gold	42	4	
Two silver spoons	4	16	
A silver Watch *	20		
	1454	17	3

James Blake, Thos. Bird & James Foster, Appraisers.

* James B. Clapp, son of the late Deacon John, of Roxbury, has this watch now in his possession. It was exhibited at the Clapp Family Gathering at Northampton in 1870.

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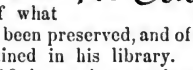
In comparing the different items of this inventory, the striking preponderance in value of Mr. Clapp's library will be seen. Although in possession of over 80 acres of land and a wardrobe valued at £101 11s., his books, pamphlets and paper count up in the appraisal to over £500, being more than a third part of the valuation of his whole estate. These books, after his decease, were divided among his relatives in Dorchester, and some of them are now in possession of the author and the senior publisher of this work. Most of them have written on the title-page, or on some blank page, his own name, and also various private marks or hieroglyphic characters not now understood. The accompanying autograph is a fair specimen of what is found on those of his books which have been preserved, and of what was written probably on each one contained in his library. One volume of over 900 pages, printed in 1618, is now in a good state of preservation. It comprises a course of ninety-five "Lectvres vpon the whole Epistle of St. Pavl to Philippians, Deliuered in St. Peters Chvrch in Oxford: By the reuerend and faithfull seruant of Christ, Henry Airay, Doctor of Diuinitie and late Provost of Qveenes Colledge, &c." In 1743, he sent to Mr. Timothy Green,* of Boston, 40 shillings old tenor, for the purchase of "the Xian History, Boston Gazette, &c." Mr. G. in sending them writes that the Gazettes were obtained through much difficulty, and that he also sends a few other books.



The following inscription is on his grave-stone at Newport:

"This Monument sacred to the memory of the venerable Nathaniel Clap, Pastor of the First Congregational Church† in Newport, R. I., whose body rests here in hopes of a glorious resurrection, was erected by the bereaved flock in testimony of their just respect. He was born in Dorchester, A. D. 1667, educated in Harvard College, at Cambridge, began his Ministry here A. D. 1695, labored in the Word and doctrine, untill 1720, when he was ordained our pastor. He was a zealous and faithful preacher of the great doctrines of the gospel which promote vital religion, apt to teach, ready to instruct them that oppose themselves, but clothed with humility, gentle, showing meekness to all, he devoted himself to serve the Kingdom of Christ, and God made him signally instrumental to promote it. He loved good men of all denominations and was much beloved by them. After fifty years of labor in the ministry among us, he fell asleep in Jesus October 30, 1745, in the 78th year of his age. 'The memory of the just is blessed.'"

* Timothy Green, printer, Boston, eldest son of Deacon Timothy, became associated with Samuel Kneeland in the printing business in 1727. They started the fourth newspaper printed on the Continent, *The New England Journal*, which in a few years was united with the *Boston Gazette*, the second newspaper of the country. The partnership continued 28 years. In 1752, Green removed to New London, Ct., and took charge of his father's printing establishment there, succeeding his father as printer of the Colony, the only press then in operation in the Colony. He died Oct. 3, 1763.

† An historical account of the Congregational Church in Newport, from its first introduction to the island, is now in course of preparation. Such a work cannot fail of possessing great interest to many beyond the limits of the locality with which it is more immediately connected. The gentleman, of Newport, who has the work in charge, writes, "The memory of our first great preacher is still very dear to us."

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JOHN[3] (*Nathaniel*[2], *Nicholas*[1]), second son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Smith) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, April 7, 1671, and remained in that town at least till he was 22 years old, having been received into the church there April 30, 1693. He was married to Silence ....., probably in the year 1699, and removed to the town of Sudbury, Mass., in what year has not been ascertained. He became Deacon of the church in that town, and held a high rank in town and church matters generally. He died Nov. 26, 1735, in the 65th year of his age.

Children of Deacon JOHN and wife SILENCE CLAPP, of Sudbury:

†20. JOHN,[4] b. March 21, 1700; d. April 12, 1788; aged 88 years.
21. THANKFUL,[4] b. Oct. 6, 1706; m. Mr. Willis, whose descendants are now living in Sudbury.
22. NATHANIEL,[4] b. Sept. 10, 1709; d. young.
23. ELIZABETH,[4] m. Peter Noyes, Deacon of the Church in Sudbury, b. May 22, 1700; descendants still living in that town.

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JONATHAN[3] (*Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), third son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Smith) Clapp, of Dorchester, was born in that town, Aug. 31, 1673, and died Jan. 2, 1723–4. He married, June 23, 1703, Sarah, daughter of Barnard and Sarah Capen, and sister of Barnard Capen who m. Sarah Clapp (No. 36 of ROGER), of Dorchester. He was ordained Deacon of the Church in Dorchester, March 1, 1718–19. For several years and up to the time of his death, he held the offices of Selectman and Town Treasurer. He was an enterprising man, and owned much real estate. He was proprietor of three fourths of the grist mill called Clapp's Mill, which stood nearly north-east of the estate owned and occupied in the beginning of this century by the venerable Preserved Baker, and not far from where the present New York & New England Railroad reaches the upland after crossing the waters of the Back Bay. This mill was originally built by Mr. Bates, probably James Bates, for Deacon Edward, Nicholas, and perhaps Capt. Roger Clapp. It was rebuilt by Deacon Jonathan Clapp and Humphrey Atherton in 1712. According to the articles of agreement for rebuilding it, Joseph Parsons, of Northampton, was to build a corn or grist mill at a place called "Clapp's Mill," where the former mill stood, for which he was to have £50, the mill to be finished by Sept. 12, 1712. Deacon Jonathan probably built the house in which he lived and died, which was destroyed by fire May 15, 1784. It stood about 20 rods north-west of what is now Boston Street, the passage to it from which Street was rather more than that distance south-west from the Five Corners. Mrs. Clapp was born in 1678, and died Sept. 7, 1746, in the 68th year of her age.

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INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF DEA. JONATHAN CLAPP.

	£	s.	d.
Item his wearing apparel	21	7	
Item his beds & furniture*	28		
Item his Linen & woolen ware &c.	25	1	
Item his Brass ware	10	7	
Item his Iron ware & tools	10	1	6
Item his tin ware		5	
Item his armour	2		
Item his wooden ware	8	16	6
Item his books	3	13	
Item Glass bottles & looking glass		6	6
Item Bees & hives £1 Bees wax 6s	1	6	
Item Lumber such as old Casks &c.	1		
Item Seven Sheep	1	15	
Item a Mare £6, a young do £7	13		
Item Six Cows £24, two heifers £4	28		
Item two Swine	2		
Item Dwelling house & barn	120		
Item 10 acres land about the house†	120		
Item one acre of Land he had of his mother, a part of his Fathers barn	18		
Item 5¾ acres of Land west end of Nuke‡	60		
Item 5 acres at east end of Nuke	50		
Item about 1 acre he bought of Henry Bird	10		
Item 6 acres of land in great Sheep Pasture at neck	54		
Item his wood lot by Mr. Payson's about 5¾ acres	16		
Item 47 acres in 25 division	23	10	
Item ⅜ of a grist mill and the meadow belonging thereto	80		
Item the fence about the land hired of the town	2	12	
Item the fence that stood on the land of Rob[t] Newell		16	
Item Bonds, Bills & a Mortgage	113	6	
Item 22oz silver £12 2. two silver buttons 4, 6	12	6	6
Item Province bills	42	12	6
Item Debts due the estate	28	7	3
	£938	12	9

Children of Deacon JONATHAN and SARAH (Capen) CLAPP:

24. SARAH,[4] b. 1704; bapt. June 17, 1704; d. young.
+25. JONATHAN,[4] b. Dec. 6, 1705; d. Feb. 14, 1786.
26. NATHANIEL,[4] b. May 30, 1709; d. March 18, 1710.
27. NATHANIEL,[4] b. July 27, 1711; d. Aug. 6, 1711.

* One high-back chair, with the initials "I. C." burnt on the back, is now in possession of one of Deacon Jonathan's great-grandchildren, in Boston, who remembers seeing it stand in the centre of one of the square pews in the old Dorchester meeting-house which was taken down in 1816.

† In 1746 Deacon Jonathan's real estate was divided between his sons Jonathan and David, Noah having probably already received his share in the shape of a liberal education. A chart is now in existence, in which are shown the dividing lines between these two portions, and including the whole tract of land on the north side of Boston street from the Five Corners to near Upham's Corner.

‡ The Lawrence School, on B Street, South Boston, now stands near the spot.

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28. Sarah,[4] b. May 11, 1714; d. June 13, 1768. In 1736 she m. Hopestill Leeds, of Dorchester, who died Jan. 14, 1795, aged 93 years. They lived in the old mansion house in Centre Street, near what is now Dorchester Avenue. They left two sons, and one daughter who died March 18, 1737.

+29. Noah,[4] b. Jan. 25, 1718; d. April 10, 1799; for more than forty years the Town Clerk of Dorchester.

+30. David,[4] b. Nov. 11, 1720; d. Aug. 17, 1787.

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EBENEZER[3] (*Nathaniel*[2], *Nicholas*[1]), fourth son of Nathaniel and and Elizabeth (Smith) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Oct. 25, 1678. After he arrived at manhood he was usually denominated senior, to distinguish him from his eldest son of the same name. He was a very worthy man, and held in high esteem by the Church and Town. He married Hannah (No. 25 of Roger), the daughter of Elder Samuel Clapp and granddaughter of Captain Roger. She was born in 1681, and died Aug. 9, 1747, aged 66 years. For his second wife he married Mrs. Hannah Eddy, of Boston, Nov. 13, 1749. He died May 20, 1750. He left a large estate. He probably lived on the spot of land which makes the northern angle of the Five Corners in Dorchester. He had about 44 acres of land in the north part of the town, viz., 11 acres where his son Nathaniel lived, west of the Five Corners; 8 at the mouth of the Neck (south-west of what is now Washington Village); 5 at Little Neck (near the Old Colony Rail Road Crossing in South Boston), ½ an acre "where the mill formerly was" (it seems the mill was then removed); and other lots enough to make about the number of acres named above. He also had at Blue Hills and in Stoughton 248 acres. His whole estate was appraised at £811 17s. 8d. The estate of his wife, who died nearly three years previous, appraised at £220 13s. 4d. was settled about the same time as his, most of it probably coming to her by the way of her father Elder Samuel, son of Capt. Roger. Their sons Ebenezer and Nathaniel were the administrators, and Ebenezer Moseley, Humphrey Atherton and Samuel Blake, the appraisers.

Children of Ebenezer and Hannah Clapp:

+31. Ebenezer,[4] b. Oct. 4, 1705; d. Jan. 10, 1752.

32. Hannah,[4] b. Nov. 28, 1707; d. March 16, 1799. She married, Jan. 2, 1735, John Tolman, Jr., b. April 6, 1700.

33. John,[4] b. Aug. 2, 1710; d. June 12, 1735. He came to his death before he was 25 years old, and was probably unmarried. The following account of his death was recorded at the time: "1735, June 12. John Clapp, son of Mr. Ebenezer Clapp, was drawing a heavy log upon a pair of draughts, and the lever slipping loose, the end flew over and struck him on the forehead, of which he died in about 24 hours, he being then at Stoughton."

+34. Nathaniel,[4] b. Jan. 22, 1712–13; d. March 18, 1750–51.

+35. Joseph,[4] b. Oct 9, 1715; d. Feb. 14, 1789.

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36, ELIZABETH,[4] b. Aug. 1718. Probably m. Samuel How, of Dorchester, Dec. 2, 1736.

+37. ROGER,[4] b. April 28, 1721; d. Aug. 1, 1807.

38. MARY,[4] b. Nov 18, 1726; m. Dec. 14, 1749, Thomas Bird, of Dorchester. She d. May 16, 1808, aged 82 years. He was constable in 1751, and d. Aug. 28, 1772, aged 50 years.

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JOHN[4] (*John*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest child of Deacon John and Silence (.....) Clapp, was born in Sudbury, March 21, 1700; d. April 12, 1788. He was a man of more than ordinary gifts and acquirements. Although he enjoyed only a common school education, yet "being uncommonly studious and attentive to books, and having a very retentive memory withal, he furnished himself with a most surprising fund of knowledge. He was able to converse with any person on any subject, either philosophy, astronomy, mathematics in all its various branches, geography, divinity, &c. &c., and his company was courted by all his literary acquaintance. Yet with all his acquired knowledge, he never accumulated any pecuniary profit by it. The acquirement of property was never his object. He lived above want, which was the extent of his wishes, and died a firm and sincere christian, in the 89th year of his age." He was married in March, 1723, to Abigail Estabrook, who was born Sept. 25, 1702, and d. May 26, 1790.

The following characteristic letter from John Clapp to his uncle Rev. Nathaniel, of Newport, R. I., reveals the kindly sentiments which these relatives held towards each other, fostered no doubt by a similarity of taste, and continuing active notwithstanding their great distance from each other and lack of means of communication.

Honoured Sir

By these I Let you Understand that at present I am in Good Health, and that I received the Book you Sent me, Intituled, Purchase His Pilgrimage (Whereof I have read near one half) For which I render you Many Humble and Hearty Thanks; as also for your Providential care, in Borrowing of Mr. Parry, a Book Intituled The Successions of Englands Monarchs for me, Which I Received of him near the Middle of January, and Having Dilligently Perused it, I returned it home the Last Thursday without any harm thereto. I Lament my Inability to Retaliate the many favours your Goodness has heaped upon me But assure your self that I shall Omit nothing that a Gratefull mind is Capable of. And so not to be Tedious to you, Imploring the Continuance of your Good Esteem, I Crave Leave to subscribe myself in all Love and Respect

Your Obedient Nephew and Servant

JOHN CLAP.

Sudbury May 25, 1717.

Superscribed "To Mr Nathaniel Clap
at New Porte Rhode Island."

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Children of JOHN and ABIGAIL (ESTABROOK) CLAPP:

39. BEULAH,[6] b. Jan. 1, 1724; m. in 1744, Phineas Walker, and settled in Rutland, Mass.

+40. JOEL,[6] b. July 2, 1726; d. in 1770.

41. JERUSHA,[6] b. May 14, 1728; m. Oct. 10, 1751, Ambrose Tower, and lived in Sudbury.

+42. ASAHEL,[6] b. March 12, 1729–30.

43. ANN,[6] b. Feb. 9, 1732; m. Mr. Knight, in 1756.

44. MARY,[6] b. Nov. 18, 1733; m. Mr. Mussey, and settled in Hubbardston.

45. JOHN,[6] b. Dec. 24, 1735; d. July 6, 1736.

46. SILAS,[6] b. Sept. 17, 1737. He was a soldier in the expedition to Crown Point in 1755, and while there was taken sick and died Dec. 11, of that year. He was reputed to be a young man of fine personal appearance.

47. DANIEL,[6] b. Oct. 10, 1739. He was a very respectable man and of sound judgment. In 1774 he was a member from Rutland of the first Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, and also held the military office of Colonel. The latter part of his life was spent in Worcester, Mass., where he held the office of County Register of Deeds for more than thirty-five years. It is believed that in the year 1757 he was a resident of Boston, and a member of the singing choir connected with the religious Society of Church Green. He probably was married but had no children. He d. February or March, 1827.

48. SAMUEL,[6] d. Dec. 11, 1755.

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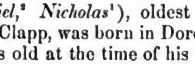
JONATHAN[4] (*Jonathan*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of Deacon Jonathan and Sarah (Capen) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Dec. 6, 1705. He was about 19 years old at the time of his father's death. He married, first, Aug. 26, 1736, Jean Tucker, of Milton, who died June 18, 1749, in the 35th year of her age; m. second, March 29, 1750, Deborah Straten, of Braintree, but a member of the church in Waltham. She died Feb. 16, 1780, in her 75th year. He survived her six years, and died Feb. 14, 1786. The house and landed estate of his father, Deacon Jonathan,[3] near the Five Corners, was settled by a deed of division between Jonathan[4] and his brother David, in 1746 (referred to on page 211, and again in the record of David, No. 30; it is from this deed that the autograph of Jonathan is copied), and they occupied the house together, their brother Noah living with them. In 1755, David sold all his share in the estate to Noah, and built a house on Stoughton Street. Jonathan and Noah remained in the old house until it was burnt down May 15, 1784, after which Noah built a house a short distance to the south-west, and Jonathan probably put up the other which long stood on the same spot as the old one. After Jonathan's death, this was occupied by Ebenezer Sumner, still later by Ira Adams, and was taken down some twenty-five years ago.



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Children of JONATHAN and JEAN (TUCKER) CLAPP:

49. JONATHAN,[5] b. Sept. 4, 1736; d. Feb. 6, 1787, in the 51st year of his age. He married, Dec. 18, 1759, Elizabeth Bishop, b. Feb. 5, 1731. She outlived her husband 17 years, and d. Oct. 5, 1804, aged 73 years. They probably lived in the house at the corner of what is now called Dorchester and Crescent Avenues, which was taken down by his son Jonathan in 1793. Children:
    50. *Jonathan*,[6] b. May 6, 1761; d. May 30, 1761.
    51. *Jean*,[6] b. Aug. 1, 1763; d. March 26, 1819; m. Jonathan Blackman, of Dorchester. They lived first in an ancient house once standing on the lane now called Crescent Avenue, not many rods east of the one above mentioned, and then in another, long since removed, on what is now Cottage Street, near the corner of Sumner Street. Mr. Blackman died Jan. 29, 1813. Three children survived their parents, but are now dead.
    52. *Elizabeth*,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1766; d. May 10, 1812. She m. Dec. 6, 1789, Lemuel Collyer, of Dorchester, who d. April 5, 1813.
    53. *Susanna*,[6] b. Sept. 20, 1769; d. April 23, 1848, unmarried.
    54. *Jonathan*,[6] b. Jan. 25, 1772; d. Aug. 6, 1849, in his 78th year. He m. Sept. 8, 1793, Jean Eyre Baden, of Braintree, and settled in Dorchester. He was a carpenter by trade, and probably built the house in which he lived and died, now standing on the corner of Dorchester and Crescent Avenues. The old house standing near the spot, then belonging to his two aunts (Bishop), was taken down to give place for the new one. He was a very rugged man, strong and athletic. His wife was born Jan. 10, 1768, and died Dec. 29, 1858, in the 91st year of her age. Children: i. *George*,[7] b. Nov. 11, 1794; d. Dec. 17, 1865. Inherited his father's house, and lived and died in it. He m. first, Nov. 2, 1820, Adelaide Woodbury, of Gloucester, b. April 5, 1798, d. Feb. 22, 1823, aged 25 years, and had: (1) *George Edward*,[8] b. Aug. 21, 1821, d. July 15, 1861—a wheelwright by trade, afterwards removed to Brookfield, m. Harriet C. Kimball, who d. Feb. 6, 1860, leaving one child, *Hattie*,[9] who d. aged 14 mos. George[7] m. second, Sept. 14, 1823, Mary Wetherbee Brown, of Marlboro', Mass., b. Nov. 18, 1801, and had: (2) *Horatio*,[8] b. Oct. 24, 1824, d. July 26, 1831—a very promising boy; (3) *Elizabeth Jane*,[8] b. Oct. 1, 1826, m. John E. Jones, Lieutenant Boston Police Station 11, and live in Dorchester District, on Stoughton Street, about half a mile westerly from the homestead of her father and grandfather, they have one daughter; (3) *Mary Annrietta*,[8] b. March 13, 1828, m. Sewell T. Jenkins, carpenter, and live on the old homestead, corner of Dorchester and Crescent Avenues; (4) *Sophia Adelaide*,[8] b. April 24, 1833, m. September, 1859, George S. Estey, and d. Nov. 1869, leaving one daughter.
55. JANE,[5] b. June 5, 1739; m. Feb. 8, 1759, Ebenezer Bird; lived for a time in Dorchester, and had several (13) children, then removed to Williamsburgh, Mass.

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56. SARAH,[5] b. April 30, 1742; d. Sept. 8, 1747.
57. EZRA,[5] b. Aug. 15, 1745; d. Aug. 19, 1824, aged 79 years. He m. first, Oct. 25, 1770, Susannah Humphrey, who d. Aug 31, 1778, aged 30 years; m. second, May 27, 1779, Mrs. Mary Walker, sister of Thomas Williams, of Dorchester; m. third, some one probably in Lunenburgh, where he spent a part of his later years. At the time of the fire which destroyed the house in which his father and uncle Noah lived, he resided with them. Children by first wife:
    58. *Lois*,[6] b. Oct. 20, 1771; m. Feb. 14, 1799, Phineas Peabody, b. in 1751; they lived in Vermont, and in New Salem, Mass.
    59. *Susanna*,[6] b. Dec. 30, 1772. Lived unmarried, with her sister Lois in Vermont. She was a bright, active woman. Two visits of her's to my father's are recollected, the last one of several weeks' continuance, in 1828.
    60. *Jonas Humphrey*,[6] b. June 21, 1778; d. April 6, 1794, aged 16 years.

    Children of Ezra by second wife:

    61. *Ezra*,[6] b. Nov. 23, 1780. His history not ascertained.
    62. *Josiah*,[6] b. Nov. 20, 1782. It is supposed he married, but left no children.
63. SARAH,[5] b. June 8, 1749, ten days before the death of her mother; m. Jan. 9, 1770, Joshua Bradley, of Roxbury, and removed to New London, Conn., where several children were born to them.

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NOAH[4] (*Jonathan*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), son of Deacon Jonathan and Sarah (Capen) Clapp, brother of the preceding, and grandfather of the compiler of this work, was born in Dorchester, Jan. 25, 1718. He married, Dec. 11, 1760, Ann (No. 85), daughter of Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., he being then about 42 years of age. His wife was a daughter of his cousin, and about 13 years his junior; she was born March 16, 1731, and died May 26, 1812. They first lived in the house before spoken of, occupied by his father Jonathan, on Boston Street, near the Five Corners, a little North of the mansion of Mr. John Holden, still standing. He had, in 1755, bought all his brother David's share in their father's property, and then occupied the house in connection with his brother Jonathan (see records of Jonathan and David). This house was consumed by fire May 15, 1784. Noah was then clerk of the Town. The Records were in the house at the time, and some were destroyed. Great efforts were made by him to save them, even if everything else was lost. Those which were consumed were in a great measure supplied by him afterwards. That house was the second in Dorchester containing the town Records which had been destroyed by fire; the other was in the year 1657, when Thomas Millet was Town Clerk.

The burning of the house in which Noah lived caused another fire

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at the same time, the wind blowing fresh from the North West, and a burning shingle being carried to the leeward about one third of a mile, and setting on fire a house then occupied by William Allen, which stood on the spot where the building known as the Pavilion*

* As this house and another ancient one to the westward of it were in that part of Dorchester where the Clapps were then far more numerous than citizens of any other name, it may not be considered wholly out of place to give some brief notice of these houses and their occupants.

The Pavilion on Allen's Plain, which took the place of the house destroyed by fire in 1784, was peculiar in its structure, and unlike any other building in town. It was occupied for many years by the Hon. Perez Morton, who was born in Plymouth, Nov. 15, 1751, graduated at Harvard College in 1771, and died in the Pavilion Oct. 14, 1837. He took an active part in the cause of freedom, before the Revolution. In 1775, he was one of the Committee of Safety and deputy-Secretary of the Province of Massachusetts. After the war, he opened a law office in State Street, Boston; was a leader of the Jacobin Club that met at the Green Dragon Tavern; was speaker of the House of Representatives from 1806 to 1811, Attorney-General of the State from 1810 to 1832, and a member of the Convention for revising the State Constitution in 1820. One of his earliest public acts was the delivery of the eulogy in 1776 over the remains of Gen. Joseph Warren; and one of his latest was the prosecution of the case, as State's Attorney, assisted by Daniel Webster, in the celebrated trial of the Knapps at Salem, in 1830, for the murder of Capt. Joseph White. His appointment by the masonic fraternity as eulogist at the grave of Warren, he being then only 25 years of age, was a flattering testimony to his popularity and worth. The body of the hero having been discovered in the latter part of March, 1776, near the spot on which he fell and was buried nine months before, the Lodge of Freemasons of North America, of which Warren was Grand Master, obtained leave of the House of Representatives, then in session, to remove and bury it with the customary solemnities of the craft. On the 8th of April, this was done, the services being performed in King's Chapel, with the attendance of a military detachment, a numerous body of Masons, members of the General Court, Selectmen and citizens of the town. Mr. Morton's oration was "ingenious and spirited," was well received at the time, and shows marks of more than ordinary ability. President Adams's lady wrote on the occasion :—"I think the subject must have inspired him. A young fellow could not have wished a finer opportunity to display his talents." His apostrophe to the dead body before him, commencing, "Illustrious relics! What tidings from the grave? Why hast thou left the peaceful mansions of the tomb, to visit again this troubled earth?" was particularly striking, and must have awakened the deepest sensibilities of his audience. Mr. Morton married, in 1778, Sarah Wentworth Apthorp, of Quincy, a woman of fine literary tastes, the author of a volume of poems, and spoken of by Paine as the American Sappho. She survived her husband several years. The Pavilion, while inhabited by them, was often the resort of a brilliant array of the leading men and women of the time, in law, literature and fashion.

Within sight of the Pavilion, across the Plain in a westerly direction, near what is now the corner of Stoughton and Sumner Streets, not many rods distant from the present residence of the compiler of this Memorial, a house still stands which was for several years previous to 1820 the abode of Ardil Thayer, who, in the troublous times preceding the Revolution, took the opposite side from Mr. Morton in the great struggle then commencing. In 1768, he was Marshal of the Court of Admiralty, under His Majesty George III. The sloop Liberty, belonging to John Hancock, had been seized some time previous by the government, and the officers of Customs having now prosecuted the owner, he was arrested Nov. 3, 1768, by Mr. Thayer, on a precept for £9000, and bail demanded and obtained for £3000 more. Mr. Thayer continued on the royal side up to the time of the breaking out of the war, when he left the country. It is uncertain what year he returned, but he is remembered now by some of the older citizens of Dorchester as the occupant of the house in question early in the present century. The house was then owned by William Bird, who lived in it in 1806. Mr. Thayer was in the enjoyment of a pension from the British government, which was allowed to him through life. He continued to wear the three-cornered hat, small-clothes and knee- and shoe-buckles of a previous generation, and occasionally received the hoots of the ruder boys of the town, whose hatred of anything connected with the old tory party had come down from their fathers. In general, however, he was well treated by the citizens, was respected for his modest worth and quiet demeanor, and his family, consisting of a wife and two daughters, associated in the most friendly manner with the citizens of the town. Although in humbler circumstances than the Attorney-General, he was in the habit of neighborly intercourse with him, and persons are now living who remember his frequent morning walks from his own house, through what is now Pleasant Street, to breakfast with his aged friend at the Pavilion—a beautiful instance of the forgetfulness of old political disputes and estrangements. Mr. Thayer died in Dorchester, May 7, 1831, aged 88 years. His daughters survived him, and died—Charlotte, Feb. 5, 1859, in her 80th year; and Mary, Dec. 1, 1869, aged 87 years.—Mr. Thayer's commission and badge of office (a silver oar) were deposited with the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society.

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afterwards stood for many years. This was on Pleasant Street, near the corner of Cottage Street. Noah took measures for the erection of another house soon after the fire, and the one afterwards occupied by his son Deacon Ebenezer Clapp, and in which they both died, was built by him. It was situated South West of the old one, on what is now Boston Street, and not many rods north from the old cemetery. It was raised Nov. 18, 1784, and on the 26th of May following the family moved into it. He lived there the rest of his days, and died April 10, 1799, aged 81 years.

The following account of him was written by the late Elisha Clapp.

"Noah, son of Deacon Jonathan Clap, was born in Dorchester. He received the honors of Harvard College in 1735. He studied theology, and became a preacher; but such was the feebleness of his constitution, that he does not appear to have entertained the idea of settling in the ministry. He officiated occasionally for the neighboring clergy for many years. He was usefully employed in his native town, in the capacity of Selectman, Assessor, Clerk, and Treasurer, thirty seven years successively, and as schoolmaster at four different periods about twenty years. From March 13, 1748–9, to March 24, 1792, a space of forty-three years, during all of which, except three near the close, he was Town Clerk, he recorded above 1700 births, 900 deaths, and 400 marriages. He was a man of meekness, piety and integrity, and singular veracity. He was rarely known to assert anything positively, but prefixed whatever he uttered with 'it may be.' He delighted in the study of American antiquities, and from him the late Dr. Belknap received some valuable hints for the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Owing to a retentive memory, he was remarkable for accuracy in his statements of facts, and for the exactness with which he would repeat his tales of former years."

The late Rev. Dr. Harris* preached a sermon the Sunday after the interment of Noah Clapp, April 14, 1799, in which he paid a tribute to his memory. He says:

"Though I have made it a point studiously to avoid any direct

* The Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D., was son of William Harris, of Charlestown, in which place he was born July 7, 1768. He entered Harvard College in 1783, and graduated in 1787. For about a year he had charge of a classical school in Worcester, and in 1791 was appointed Librarian of Harvard University, where he remained until October 23, 1793, when he was ordained minister over the Church and Society in Dorchester. He continued their minister until July 16, 1835, when the parish, acceding to his request, settled with him a colleague (Rev. Nathaniel Hall), and on the 23d of October, 1836, being the forty-third anniversary of his ordination, he resigned his charge and took leave of his people in a sermon which is in print. The Rev. Mr. Hall then assumed the sole charge of the parish, and has continued its minister to the present time (1875). Dr. Harris "was a man of great sensibility, deep learning, of a poetical turn, was much inclined to wit, and had tears for all the unfortunate. Some of his discourses abounded with pathos and eloquence. He was a member of many of the most important societies in this part of the country." Of his books, sermons, &c., forty-four were published.

January 28, 1795, Mr. Harris was married to Mary, daughter of Dr. Elijah and Dorothy Dix. In 1803, after a severe fit of sickness, he was induced to undertake a journey to the then newly-formed state of Ohio, which he accomplished on horse-back, receiving therefrom great benefit to his bodily health. His "Journal" of this tour, published shortly after his return, is a work of rare interest and contains much information.

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reference to individuals in funeral eulogies, yet I am persuaded such is your veneration for the memory of Mr. Clapp, that you would gladly see me breaking through a general rule, and will accompany me cordially in every expression of affection and respect in a just tribute to his memory.

"He early began the career of virtue, and held fast his integrity to the last. Descended from godly parents, and favored with the advantages of their pious example and instruction, his mind and heart, his principles and manners, were seasonably formed to sobriety and holiness."

"It seems that an early regard to truth and uprightness had been inculcated upon him, and formed the distinguishing attribute of his life and conversation. I never knew a person farther removed from every appearance of duplicity, or more singularly remarkable for a cautiousness in speech and inviolable regard to veracity. This was discoverable in all his concerns, and formed a prominent feature in his character." "He was very careful of asserting more than he was positively sure of. He was not fond of affirmations; and hesitated even as to the accuracy of his own judgement, and the certainty of his own information. This singular cautiousness was the result of the most inflexible reverence for *truth*. It was accompanied by a meek, humble, diffident and modest spirit, and a plain, undisguised, unaffected artlessness of manners. Indeed he might be considered a fair specimen of primitive simplicity. His character had all the worthy signatures of 'an Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile.'

"When he had finished his collegiate course, he applied himself to the study of divinity; and though for a number of years he was exercised in various places as a preacher, his feeble and precarious state of health was such that he did not consider himself a candidate for a settlement in the ministry. Those of you who had the opportunity of hearing him in the pulpit will witness, that as in life, so 'in *doctrine*, he showed uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, and sound speech which could not be condemned.'

"A very observable and lovely trait in his character was his candor and charitableness in judging of others. Of this he gave the most pleasing proofs in his unwillingness even to hear anything to the disadvantage of persons. He would not patiently listen to the reports which might be in circulation of the misconduct of any; and when they were mentioned in his presence, he was always ready to palliate and excuse what he could not commend, and seemed averse to believe ill news, flying rumors and petty scandal. Of course he was never known to repeat them.

"One circumstance I must not pass over without proper notice, because it so often contributed to your instruction and entertainment. Possessing a remarkably retentive memory, he was able to bring out of its treasures things new and old. He had stored up a vast fund

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of information respecting the early settlement and history of this country; and so rich was he in anecdote, and so copious in the detail of interesting particulars concerning our progenitors, that he was considered as the *oracle of ancient times.*

"'Ye are all witness, and God also, how holily and unblamably and humbly he behaved himself among us.' Of him, as of the venerable patriarch whose name he bore, it might safely be said, 'Noah was a just man, and perfect in his generations; and Noah walked with God.'

"His children will be solicitous to honor their father's memory by imitating his virtues and following his pious instructions. He had the precaution to leave each of them *a written copy of his advice and counsel.* It is a very valuable legacy; and if used and improved as he hoped and prayed, will prove a better patrimony than any earthly inheritance he could bestow."

Children of NOAH and ANN CLAPP:

64. ANN,[5] b. Nov. 9, 1761; d. unmarried, March 15, 1787. From writings left by her, she is known to have been religious and devout.

65. HANNAH,[5] b. April 22, 1763; d. Nov. 24, 1793. She had the same traits as her sister, and like her died in the prime of life.

+66. JOHN,[5] b. Sept. 11, 1764; d. Sept. 23, 1840, aged 76 years.

67. LOIS,[5] b. Oct. 15, 1765; d. Jan. 11, 1766.

68. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Jan. 10, 1767; d. Feb. 22, 1838, aged 71 years. She m. Dec. 22, 1788, Ebenezer Seaver, of Roxbury, a graduate of Harvard College in 1784 (b. July 5, 1763; d. March 1, 1844), and for many years in public life. In politics he was a firm Republican as understood in those days, and was a Representative in Congress ten years, from 1803 to 1813, under the administrations of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1820, Representative to the General Court from 1794 to 1802, and held many town offices. They had eight children who lived to grow up. Mrs. Seaver's life was unassuming, her discharge of duty faithful, her manner kind. In her household management she was uncommonly judicious and active, and she left to her family a rich legacy of virtue and affection.

69. SARAH,[5] b. Oct. 7, 1768; d. Nov. 21, 1806, aged 38 years. She m. Dec. 3, 1792, John Holden, of Dorchester, and lived in the next house north of her father's, on the old road leading to South Boston, now Boston Street. She left six children to mourn her early loss, all but one of whom afterwards married. Mr. Holden,* m. second, Sept. 9, 1811, Rhoda Sumner, who d. in the winter of 1874–75.

70. LYDIA,[5] b. Feb. 3, 1770; d. Oct. 7, 1814, in her 45th year; m.

* John Holden was born at Dorchester, his father's native town, November 3, 1770. About 1795 he set up a slaughter-house near what is now called Boston Street, in Dorchester, whence he sent to the "Old Market," in Boston, regular supplies of beef. This business he pursued without intermission until 1837, when, having acquired a comfortable estate, he retired to enjoy that rest which he had so well earned by honest industry and the faithful stewardship of his moderate, but steady, accumulations.

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June 20, 1796, James Pierce, of Dorchester, and settled in Roxbury, near Brookline. She partook of the virtues of her parents. Like her sister she died in the prime of life, and left four children. Her son James lived at his uncle Ebenezer's (my father), till he was nearly 30 years old, and always seemed very near to me as a relative and friend.

+71. EBENEZER,[5] b. Aug. 25, 1771; d. March 6, 1860. The father of the compiler of this Memorial.

72. LUCY,[5] b. March 27, 1776; d. June 11, 1804, in her 29th year. She was much beloved for her good qualities by a large circle of friends and acquaintance, and her early death, in the midst of her usefulness, was severely felt. She was unmarried, and for a number of years was engaged in teaching school, a part of the time in the North School House in Dorchester, and a part as a private teacher at her home. The Rev. Oliver Everett was then living in the mansion house still standing at the Five Corners—and two of his sons, Alexander H. and Edward, in after life so celebrated as scholars and as public men, attended the school of Miss Clapp, and learned their alphabet in her father's bed-room, where her school was held a portion of the time.

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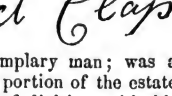
DAVID[4] (*Jonathan*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), youngest son of Deacon Jonathan and Sarah (Capen) Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born Nov. 11, 1720, in the house near the Five Corners, and which was afterwards destroyed by fire, May 15, 1784. He was a steady and exemplary man; was a cordwainer by trade, and also a farmer. The portion of the estate of his father which fell to him by the deed of division with his brother Jonathan, in 1746, comprised one half the house already alluded to, part of one barn, and about four and a quarter acres of land adjoining—together with various tracts of land at Great and Little Neck and Powow Point (So. Boston), the latter amounting to ten or twelve acres, and an interest in undivided lands in Stoughton. He was married June 20, 1754, to Ruth Humphreys, daughter of Samuel Humphreys, of Dorchester. During that year he disposed of most of the parcels of land above named, and in May, 1755, his interest in the old homestead was sold to his brother Noah for £99. In the same month and year he bought of Thomas and Sarah Kilton a tract of 12½ acres, embracing most of the northeasterly side of Jones's Hill so-called, being part of the estate, as the deed says, "that our Hon[d]. Grand-Father Jonathan Jones, late of Dorchester Dec[d], Died Siezed and Possessed off." The amount paid for it was £146 13*s*. 4*d*. It fronted on Stoughton and Pleasant Streets, from nearly opposite the southerly end of Sumner Street,



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south-easterly to land then belonging to Dr. Gillam Tailer,* afterwards the estate of Judge Everett, and now of the widow Nathan Appleton. It included the hill south-westerly from the street to its highest points, the present boundary in that direction being Sawyer and Thacher Avenues recently laid out. The hill itself affords a commanding view of the city of Boston, three miles distant on the north, of its harbor, and of Dorchester Bay. Persons living at the time the famous Whitefield went through this part of the country, in 1740, said that his voice was once heard by them on the side of the hill when he was preaching on Boston Common.† It was also a conspicuous place for some of the demonstrations which were called forth in the exciting times preceding the Revolution. On ploughing up a portion of its surface about the time of the second war with England, there were brought to light the charred remnants of the bonfire which was known to have been exhibited there after the repeal of the stamp act in 1765. A house stood at the foot of the hill, near the extreme southeasterly corner of the lot, on the southerly side of what is now Pleasant Street, in the bend near the east end of Stoughton Street. His marriage taking place the same year of the purchase, he at once occupied this house; here all his children were born, and here he died. It descended to his son Samuel, and was burnt down in 1804, taking fire either accidentally, or, as was strongly suspected, by the hand of an incendiary. Another house was put up in its place by his son Samuel, and is the one now standing and occupied by Samuel's grandchildren. In 1781, financial embarrassments, occasioned in part by the war then near its close, rendered necessary the sale of a portion of this land, and four acres of it on the northwesterly side, from the street in front to the top of the hill, were sold, for £45, to Col. Ebenezer Clapp (No. 86), who already owned land adjoining it on the west. On the lot thus sold

* William Tailer, son of Hon. William Tailer, of Boston, was appointed Lieut. Governor of Massachusetts in 1711. Being a nephew of Governor Stoughton, he inherited his estate in Dorchester, including the old mansion house of Gov. S., on the westerly corner of what is now Savin Hill Avenue and Pleasant Street. He appears, however, to have lived a part of his life in a house, which he is supposed to have built, on the other corner of the street and avenue named. He was Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. in 1712, was one of the commissioners to treat with the Six Nations at Albany, and commanded one of the regiments raised to take Port Royal. He died March 8, 1732, and was buried in Gov. Stoughton's tomb. Dr. Gillam Tailer mentioned above, a son of William, graduated at Harvard College in 1735, and became a physician. He owned the land south-east of David Clapp's lot, probably as far as that now and for many years past belonging to Samuel Downer, including the estate recently owned by Gov. Henry J. Gardiner. Dr. Gillam Tailer died July 17, 1757, aged 39 years. William Tailer, merchant in Boston, probably a brother to Gillam, was one of the heirs of the Lieut. Governor, and was a large land-owner in Dorchester. He inherited the mansion-house of the Lieut. Governor, already alluded to, which, with two acres adjoining, is represented in ancient deeds as bounded westerly by a road known by the name of Green Lane (supposed to be what is now Savin Hill Ave.), and southerly by way to Rocky Hill (Meeting-house Hill). This homestead, with two lots adjoining, one called Howard's orchard 4 acres, the other Pond orchard 4 1-2 acres, and a piece on the other side of Pleasant Street, called Hill Pasture 1 1-2 acres, was sold by him, March 20, 1758, to Dr. Sylvester Gardiner, of Boston, for £333 6s 8d.

† "When he Preached his Farewell Sermon in Boston Common, it was Judged by ye space of ground taken up by ye Auditory, that there could not be less than 20 Thousand (which I think is Mr. Whitefield's own account in his Journal) and some said 30 Thousand."—*Blake's Annals*, p. 54.

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now stands the large house of the heirs of the late George C. Thacher and the brick house of Charles A. Green, while near by Everett Avenue ascends the hill from Stoughton Street, with houses on each side. On the death of David Clapp, his landed estate was divided equally between his three sons, David, Samuel and Seth, the oldest declining to receive the double portion then allowed by law, and two of these portions still remain in the hands of his descendants. In the inventory of his estate, the whole lot is called about nine acres, and is appraised at £85.

In the year 1777, David Clapp was drafted as a soldier to join the regiment appointed as a guard to Gen. Burgoyne's army, then prisoners of war at Cambridge. His son David, then in his eighteenth year, offered himself as a substitute for his father, and was accepted.

David Clapp, Senior, is represented as of a cheerful disposition. Near the close of his life he was afflicted with a painful affection of the knee, and a despondent state of mind was said to have been induced thereby. He died Aug. 17, 1787, in the 67th year of his age. His wife died April 13, 1773.

Children of DAVID and RUTH (Humphrey) CLAPP:

73. HANNAH,[5] b. May 22, 1755; d. unmarried, April 21, 1831, aged 76 years.

74. SARAH,[5] b. Aug. 19, 1757; d. unmarried, Sept. 13, 1839, aged 82 years. She was of a lively and cheerful disposition, remarkably active, and made herself useful and companionable in the families where she passed her life—first, in that of her aunt Sarah Leeds, then, in those of James Robinson and his son Stephen Robinson, afterwards in that of Thomas Lyon, all of Dorchester.

75. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Dec. 17, 1758; d. unmarried, Jan. 23, 1819, aged 60 years. Hannah and Elizabeth lived with their brother David.

+76. DAVID,[5] b. Nov. 30, 1759; d. May 15, 1846, in his 87th year.

77. RUTH,[5] b. April 21, 1761; d. unmarried, April 13, 1815, aged 54 years. The last years of her life were passed in the family of Judge Moses Everett.

78. ABIGAIL,[5] b. Dec. 28, 1763; d. unmarried Aug. 9, 1814, aged 51 years.

79. SAMUEL,[5] b. June 13, 1766; d. July 17, 1830, aged 64 years. He inherited the middle one of the three lots into which his father's landed estate was divided, including the homestead and dwelling house. He m. Nov. 27, 1801, Anna, daughter of Christopher Capen, of Canton, Mass. In July, 1804, his house was destroyed by fire, but was replaced by another in the same year. He was a cooper by trade, but his business in this line was small. His wife survived him, and died April 13, 1853, aged 82 years, 6 months. Children:

80, *Anna Larkin*,[6] b. Nov. 11, 1805; d. May 16, 1872, in her 67th year; m. Oct. 10, 1835, William Harris, a printer, of Boston, b. in Middletown, Conn., who died Dec. 22, 1865. Two children, Samuel and Anna, lived to grow up, and now (1875) occupy the place of the old homestead on Pleasant Street, and retain the land which has come down to them from their great-grandfather, David[4] Clapp.

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81. *Samuel Capen*,[6] b. April 1, 1810; d. Oct. 28, 1831, aged 21 years. He was a school-fellow of the author of this Memorial, and our relations were of the most intimate kind. He was a young man of true christian character, without display, modest and humble, yet true to every call of duty. He had a passionate fondness for music, both vocal and instrumental. He served his time in Boston at the printing business, and died of consumption just as he was entering upon responsible manhood. A small book, containing some of his writings and a memoir by his minister, the Rev. Dr. Harris, of Dorchester, was printed soon after his death. The Sunday after his burial Dr. Harris preached an appropriate discourse from the words—"There was a young man carried out, the only son of his mother and she was a widow."

82. Seth,[5] b. Nov. 2, 1767; d. March 8, 1836, aged 68 years. In 1793, he m. Sally Hawes, who d. Dec. 19, 1826, aged 53 years. Mr. Clapp was a carpenter by trade. At the time of the burning of Samuel's house in 1804, Seth was living with him, and both were therefore deprived of a home. While Samuel was rebuilding on the old spot, Seth also commenced improving his own adjoining lot on the South-east by the erection of a dwelling house, but on so large a scale and with such limited means that the house, scarcely finished, was sold at auction the next year, 1805, and bought by John Amory Esq., for $6000, including the three acres of land which was inherited by Seth. Mr. Amory lived in the house the remainder of his life, and some of his family occupied it till 1869, when it was sold to the present occupant, John S. Lyons, who married Sarah Olive Clapp (No. 539 of Thomas). Seth afterwards lived in various places in the lower part of the town—was industrious, a good workman at his trade, but never made up the pecuniary losses of his early life. Child:

83. *Sarah*,[6] b. March 20, 1794; m. in 1841, Thomas Lyon, he being then about 83 years old, and she 47 years. She was his second wife, his first being Sarah Clapp (No. 106 of Roger). After Mr. Lyon's death, she m. Jan. 1, 1849, Josiah Davenport, in Dorchester, but then belonging to Needham, where they are both still living. Her recollection of old residents and ancient localities, in the lower part of Dorchester, are fresh and reliable, and much information from her has been received.

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EBENEZER[4] (*Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of Ebenezer and Hannah Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Oct. 4, 1705, and died Jan. 10, 1752.* He married, Feb. 21, 1727–8, Hannah, daughter of John and Abigail Pierce, of Dorchester, he being then

* The year in which Ebenezer Clapp died was memorable by the extreme prevalence and fatality of the smallpox, more particularly in Boston. Blake says of it: "This year ye Small-Pox went through Boston, which it had not done for 21 Years before, so that there were many Thousands to have ye Distemper. There Died of it there 561 Persons, 31 by Inoculation & 530 ye common way. Of those that were Inoculated there Died about one

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about 22½ years old, and she about 19. Neither of them lived to old age, he dying in the 47th year of his age, and she died Nov. 24, 1757, in her 49th year. He built the house now standing and owned by his granddaughter the widow of James Howe, near the north-west end of Willow Court, beyond the house first erected by Roger and alluded to on p. 4. Previous to this house being built, he lived in the one afterwards known as the old Champney house, on the easterly corner of what is now Cottage and Sumner Streets. At the time the new house was raised, it was and had long been customary to celebrate such an occasion by the assembling of most of the men of the neighborhood, who after rendering such assistance as was needed in the raising, partook of the entertainment which was sure to follow. I have heard my father say, that after the raising of this house, May 15, 1750, a large collection of people repaired to the house already spoken of, where Ebenezer Clapp then lived, about a third of a mile distant, playing leap-frog all the way on the road. Ebenezer Clapp was an active man, and carried on the business of tanning as well as that of farming.

Children of EBENEZER and HANNAH (Pierce) CLAPP:

84. ABIGAIL,[5] b. Jan. 15, 1728–29; d. June 23, 1809. She m. June 5, 1752, Henry Humphreys, and had ten children, one of whom was Deacon James Humphreys, b. June 5, 1753, a prominent citizen of Dorchester, for many years Deacon of the First Church, and d. July 13, 1845, aged 92 years. Deacon James was father of Deacon Henry Humphreys, now living on the homestead of his ancestors, corner of Dudley and Humphreys Streets, and who not many years since gave up the business of tanning, which had been carried on by the family in a yard in front of the house through seven generations.
85. ANN,[5] b. March 16, 1731; d. May 26, 1812. She m. Dec. 11, 1760, Noah Clapp (No. 29), who for so many years filled various important offices of trust and honor in the town of Dorchester. Her father was a cousin of her husband, so that bringing down the generations in rotation from the first settlers, her children, on their father's side, come before her. She was an exemplary woman, mild and gentle in disposition and manners, and studied things which were peaceful. These qualities made her a suitable companion for her meek and studious husband, with whom she walked calmly and cheerfully in the journey of life.

+86. EBENEZER,[5] b. April 23, 1732; d. Jan. 29, 1802.
87. DANIEL,[5] b. Feb. 19, 1733–4; d. June 19, 1734.
+88. LEMUEL,[5] b. April 9, 1735; d. Dec. 29, 1819.
89. HANNAH,[5] b. Sept. 8, 1736; d. Jan. 5, 1804. She m. June 19, 1755, Timothy Tileston, and had a large family of children. Her husband lived to be 91 years of age, and d. April 20, 1819.

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out of 85, and of those that took it ye natural way hardly one out of Ten; it did not spread much in ye Country Towns (except Charlestown) though it was in many of them; there were Seven Persons had it in this Town [Dorchester], one of whom Died, namely Robert Searl, a man about 80 Years of age. There were according to Accounts Two Thousand Persons Removed out of Boston, into ye Country Towns to escape ye Distemper, which was far more than ever were known to Remove at any time heretofore."

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90. JOHN,[6] b. July 17, 1738; d. Feb. 19, 1739.
91. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Jan. 10, 1739–40; d. June 22, 1741.
92. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Aug. 18, 1741; d. Dec. 18, 1741.
93. ELISHA,[5] b. June 10, 1743; d. Aug. 14, 1775, aged 32 years. He was a tanner by trade, and commenced business for himself, on the road leading westerly from the Five Corners, now called Cottage Street. He lived in a house south and front of the old Blake house (afterwards Caleb Williams's), and the old barn west of the house and fronting on the street he used as a mill and bark house. He was a steady, hard-working man. He m. June 17, 1773, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Bird, of Dorchester. They had one child, *Elisha*,[6] born a few months after his father's decease, and lived only a few days. His widow afterwards married John Hawes, a large land-holder in Dorchester and afterwards in South Boston, and a most liberal benefactor to the latter place by bequests for public purposes.*
94. WILLIAM,[5] b. Aug. 8, 1745; d. March 8, 1778, in his 33d year. He resided in Boston, and was a carpenter by trade. He m. Dec. 1, 1768, Sarah Tileston, of Boston, dau. of Onesiphorus Tileston, a wealthy wheelwright, who lived in Purchase Street, opposite his wharf. Children:
    95. *William Tileston*,[6] b. Sept. 14, 1770; d. Sept. 13, 1818, aged 48 years. He m. Sept. 14, 1794, Lucretia Hewes, b. April 1, 1775. Mr. Clapp spent the early part of his life in Boston; afterwards he removed with his family to Cincinnati, Ohio, and lived there a while. He was on the way from the last named place to New Orleans in pursuit of business, when he died. He had an edition of the "Memoirs of Capt. Roger Clap" printed, in 1807, the former editions being then nearly out of print. His widow with two or three of her daughters lived afterwards in Boston. Children: 1. *Martha Hewes*,[7] b. May 20, 1795; d. Aug. 18, 1838; m. Oct. 23, 1818, Rev. James Chute, said to have been a man of high christian character and attainments. James Chute after marriage taught school in Cincinnati, O., till 1828—then having been trained as a Presbyterian minister he removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he was Chaplain of the Ohio State Prison till Sept. 1831, when he removed to Fort Wayne, Ind., and took

* John Hawes was born in Dorchester, Dec. 29, 1741, and died in South Boston, in Jan. 1829. At the age of 7 years he was placed to be brought up with his maternal grandfather, Benjamin Bird, Esq., of South Boston, then Dorchester Neck. Here he must have received the rudiments of only a very limited education, as no appropriation was made by the town of Dorchester for the support of a school at that place till the year 1761, when £4 was voted for that purpose; and it is probable that he never attended a public school. A few years were spent in Dorchester in learning a trade, when, after the death of his grandfather, he returned to the Neck to take charge of the patrimonial estate. He again went, however, to Dorchester, where he engaged largely in agricultural pursuits, became wealthy, and on the death of Elisha Clapp, in 1775, he married his widow. About 1804 he once more took up his residence in South Boston, where he lived during the remainder of his days. His attachment to this place was such that, having no issue, he appropriated a large part of his estate to the benefit of its inhabitants in the way of common education and religious instruction. One of the public schools and one of the religious societies of South Boston now bear his name. Mr. Hawes was eccentric in character, was naturally retiring and unobtrusive, had a limited acquaintance with men and manners, was temperate and frugal in his habits, and was eager for gain in all his business transactions. He was strictly and morally upright, however, in all his dealings with others, and his religion consisted more in a vital principal pervading his whole life than in boasting professions or assent to any peculiarities of belief.

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the Pastorate of the 1st Presbyterian Church which he had organized. In August, 1833, his wife Martha Hewes Clapp died at Fort Wayne, in the full assurance of a blessed immortality. In Sept. 1834, James Chute married at Dayton, O., Mrs. Mary Haven Crane, widow of Rev. Samuel Crane, formerly a missionary to the Tuscarora Indians. Rev. James Chute died at Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 28, 1835. She died at the age of 38, and he survived her but little more than two years. They have three children now living, viz., Sarah Caroline, James Thurston and Samuel Hewes. **ii.** *William John*,[7] b. March 19, 1797; d. in 1848; m. June 19, 1821, Elizabeth S. Newton and lived in Portland. Children: (1) *William Tileston*,[8] (2) *Ann Maria*,[8] d. young; (3) *Columbus*,[8] (4) *Ann Maria*,[8] (5) *Hannah*,[8] (6) *Frances*.[8] **iii.** *Sarah Tileston*,[7] b. Aug. 7, 1798; d. Sept. 1, 1826; m. Nov. 1, 1823, Dr. George Requa, of Cincinnati. **iv.** *Ann Lucretia*,[7] b. Oct. 8, 1799; d. Nov. 17, 1801. **v.** *Charles*,[7] b. June 2, 1801; d. unm. Feb. 29, 1824. **vi.** *Shubael Hewes*,[7] b. Nov. 15, 1802; d. Dec. 1, 1802. **vii.** *Lucretia Hewes*,[7] b. March 30, 1804; d. March 23, 1870. **viii.** *Joseph Hewes*,[7] b. Nov. 7, 1806; m. Sept. 8, 1835, Caroline Allen, who d. in Roxbury, Dec. 15, 1839, aged 27 years. He m. second, in Portland, Me., Sept. 24. 1841, Julia O. Chandler, of Augusta, Me., b. Dec. 13, 1821. He was a watchmaker and jeweller in Augusta. Child by first wife: (1) *Joseph Willet*,[8] b. July 19, 1838, in Marlboro', N. H.; m. Nov. 8, 1860, Eliza J. Downe, b. in Bangor, Me., April 18, 1833, and had one child, *Walter A.*,[9] b. April 18, 1865; they live in Augusta, Me. Children by second wife: (2 and 3) *George Allen*[8] and *Julia Caroline*,[8] twins, b. July 18, 1843, d. Dec. 10, 1844; (4) *John Alphonso*,[8] b. Sept. 1, 1844; (5) *Julia Maria*,[8] b. Sept. 6, 1846; (6) *Ella Louisa*,[8] b. Feb. 13, 1848; (7) *Samuel Hewes*,[8] b. Nov. 16, 1850; (8) *William Tileston*,[8] b. Jan. 11, 1853. **ix.** *Abigail Seaver Hewes*,[7] b. Sept. 23, 1808; m. in Roxbury, June 20. 1833, Samuel Fisk, and had six children, viz., Samuel White, dead, William Henry, Albert Minot, dead, Joseph Hewes and Abby Hewes, twins, and Charles Franklin. Mrs. Fisk m. second, March 19, 1853, Joseph A. Arnold, of Richmond, Va. **x.** *Charlotte Ann Hewes*,[7] b. Jan. 25, 1810; m. Nov. 11, 1850, Andrew Haskell, and has one child, Richard Hewes. **xi.** *Lydia Carver*,[7] b. Feb. 28, 1813; is living unm. in Roxbury.

William Tileston Clapp was a bookseller when in Boston, and in 1795 had a store on the corner of Proctor's Lane (now Richmond St.); four years later he was in Fish (now North) Street. His wife Lucretia d. April 4, 1857.

96. *John*,[6] b. Jan. 29, 1773; was mate of a vessel, and d. in Baltimore.

97. *Mary*,[6] d. when about 9 years old.

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NATHANIEL[4] (*Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), third son of Ebenezer and Hannah Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Jan. 22, 1712–13. He married, Jan. 1, 1740, Sarah Howe, then about 18 years of age. He was a shoemaker by trade. It is probable that he built the house afterwards and for a long time occupied by Preserved Baker, a few rods South-west of Clapp's Mill, in the northerly part of the town. Mr. Baker married one of his daughters. He seems to have owned the land making the westerly angle of the Five Corners, and extending south on what is now Boston Street, to the gateway leading to the house of Deacon Jonathan and his sons. It is said that his death, which took place March 18, 1750-51, in his 39th year, was caused by a fall from a tree. His wife outlived her husband more than forty-six years, and died Nov. 2, 1796.

Children of NATHANIEL and SARAH (HOWE) CLAPP:

98. JOHN,[5] b. Oct. 11, 1741; m. first, Nov. 29, 1764, Hannah Baker; m. second, Sept. 15, 1784, Polly Vaughan. He was a shoemaker by trade, and was somewhat deranged in the latter part of his life. This John was familiarly known as "John Old Times." Children by first wife:

    99. *John*,[6] b. Dec. 19, 1768; d. May 16, 1816; m. first, July 30, 1789, Elizabeth Wilson; m. second, Mehitable Allen. The former part of his life he lived in Dorchester, the latter part in Roxbury, excepting a short time in Boston, where he died. His widow married again, and lived probably in Bangor, Me. Children by first wife: **i.** *Hannah*,[7] b. March 5, 1790; d. June, 1790. **ii.** *Abraham*,[7] b. April 29, 1791; lived awhile when a boy with Deacon Ebenezer Clapp (my father), then went to sea and was lost. **iii.** *Elizabeth*,[7] b. July 29, 1792; m. William Whittemore, and lived in Dedham. **iv.** *Isaac*,[6] b. Sept. 16, 1793; m. in 1814, Vesta Reynolds, of No. Bridgewater, and lived in South Weymouth. Mrs. Clapp d. in March, 1864. Children: (1) *Mary Ann*,[8] b. March 13, 1817, d. May, 1844; (2) *Eliza M.*,[8] b. May 8, 1818, m. in 1836, Wm. Tucker, of Boston; (3) *Arvilla*,[8] b. Feb. 2, 1820, m. in 1844, Barnard M. Lewis who d. in 1846; (4) *Isaac*,[8] b. May 31, 1821, d. unm. Sept. 30, 1847; (5) *James Lewis*,[8] b. Sept. 17, 1823, m. Jan. 14, 1847, Sally P. Reynolds; (6) *Fidelia*,[8] b. July 31, 1827, d. Aug. 9, 1847, m. Oct. 18, 1846, George W. Tucker, of Boston; (7) *Vesta R.*,[8] b. Oct. 11, 1829; (8) *Lucretia*,[8] b. July 27, 1831; (9) *George W.*,[8] b. Feb. 22, 1835; (10) *Henry W.*,[8] b. March 13, 1837; (11) *Ellen S.*,[8] b. Nov. 6, 1841. **v.** *Jacob*,[7] b. Oct. 17, 1797; d. Feb. 15, 1854; m. Elizabeth Downing, of Marblehead, and lived in South Weymouth. Children: (1) *Charles R.*,[8] b. May 12, 1820, m. Dec. 31, 1846, Mary Jane O'Mara, and lived in South Weymouth; (2) *William H.*,[8] b. May 15, 1822, m. in 1843, Mary Tisdale; (3) *Jacob L.*,[8] b. Dec. 28, 1824, m. Sept. 1847, ... Littlefield; (4) *John L.*,[8] b. May 29, 1827, d. Dec. 11, 1851, m. Dec. 23, 1847, Adelaide M. Hayden,

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and lived in Weymouth; (5) *Lorin O.*,[6] b. Aug. 11, 1829, m. Sarah Nichols; (6) *Elizabeth*,[6] m. John Dunn, and live in South Weymouth; (7) *Sarah*,[6] m. Joseph R. Tirrell. **vi.** *Hannah*,[7] m. Abiel Smith, and lived in Roxbury. **vii.** *Joseph*,[7] probably married, and is supposed to have been lost at sea. Children of John[6] by second wife: **viii.** *John*,[7] m. and lived afterwards in the State of Maine. **ix.** *Aaron*,[7] m. and lived in the same town with his brother John.

100. *Hannah*,[6] b. June 10, 1772; d. June 15, 1776.

101. *Nathaniel*,[6] twin brother of Hannah, b. June 10, 1772; d. Oct. 18, 1774.

102. *Nathaniel*,[6] b. Aug. 28, 1777; d. Jan. 21, 1859, a. 82; m. first, Oct. 18, 1800, Polly, dau. of John Williams, of Dorchester; m. second, Sept. 20, 1806, Lucretia Johnson, of Charlestown. She d. March 20, 1865, aged 79 years. Mr. Clapp was a very respectable man; was a bootmaker by trade. He lived in Boston, and had an interesting family. Children by second wife: **i.** *Mary W.*,[7] b. Nov. 19, 1807; m. Joseph W. Lawrence, of Boston, and had four children. **ii.** *Lucretia*,[7] b. July 12, 1810; d. Sept. 22, 1812. **iii.** *Lucretia*,[7] b. Aug. 30, 1813; d. Dec. 29, 1864. **iv.** *Caroline S.*,[7] b. May 11, 1816; d. Sept. 3, 1875, unm. **v.** *Margaret A.*,[7] b. April 11, 1819; d. Feb. 13, 1825. **vi.** *Margaret A.*,[7] b. Aug. 12, 1826; m. Dec. 9, 1852, Bridge Wheat, of Boston, and had two children.

103. SARAH,[5] b. Oct. 4, 1742.

+104. NATHANIEL,[5] b. April 22, 1744; d. Oct. 11, 1823.

+105. SAMUEL,[5] b. July 13, 1745; d. Jan. 22, 1823.

106. ELIZABETH,[5] b. Oct. 29, 1746; m. Samuel Baker, of Dorchester, brother of Preserved Baker, who m. her sister Submit. They lived in Leeds's Lane, near Old Hill, so-called, now Savin Hill Avenue and Savin Hill.

107. ISAAC,[5] b. May 9, 1748; d. Jan. 29, 1750.

108. SUBMIT,[5] b. Jan. 9, 1749–50; d. Jan. 11, 1749–50.

109. SUBMIT,[5] b. Feb. 5, 1750–51; d. Dec. 28, 1836; m. Preserved Baker, of Dorchester. Both of them lived to be aged. Their house was the one already spoken of as probably built by Nathaniel Clapp[4] (No. 34), north of the end of what is now Willow Court, and reached by a passage-way from Cottage St.

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JOSEPH[4] (*Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), fourth son of Ebenezer and Hannah Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Oct. 9, 1715, and died Feb. 14, 1789. He married, first, Jan. 23, 1745, Abigail Dyer, who died May 19, 1760. Married, second, April 2, 1761, Abigail Prescott, who died Aug. 31, 1791, aged 70 years. This Joseph was ancestor of the several generations who have lived on what was formerly called the Upper Road in Dorchester, and on Centre Street.

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Children of JOSEPH and ABIGAIL (DYER) CLAPP:

110. ABIGAIL,[5] b. Nov. 11, 1746; d. Dec. 24, 1750.
111. HANNAH,[5] b. May 11, 1749; d. Feb. 14, 1750–51.
+112. JOSEPH,[5] b. Oct. 24, 1751; d. Sept. 18, 1823, aged 72 years.
113. ABIGAIL,[5] b. May 24, 1754.
114. TIMOTHY,[5] b. May 27, 1756; d. next day.

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ROGER[4] (*Ebenezer,*[3] *Nathaniel,*[2] *Nicholas*[1]), youngest son of Ebenezer and Hannah Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born in Dorchester, April 28, 1721. He lived in and probably built the westerly half of the house which still stands on the north-westerly angle of the open square known as the Five Corners, the house being afterwards enlarged by the addition of the easterly half by his son Ezekiel. On the corner bounding the square on the north-east, and directly opposite from Roger's dwelling, Lieut. Governor Thomas Oliver (the last royalist holding that office in Massachusetts) then lived, and the two neighbors are said to have been on intimate terms. A large fowling piece, probably a "King's arm," was given to Roger by Mr. O. Years afterwards this came into the possession of Deacon Ebenezer Clapp, Sen., and by him was used on some of the gunning excursions down the harbor, of which, as many now living can remember, he was so passionately fond. The house of Gov. Oliver, built by himself and still standing, afterwards went into the hands of Rev. Oliver Everett, and became the birth-place of Gov. Edward Everett, son of Oliver. Subsequently it came into the possession of the Richardson family, and is now occupied by John Richardson, Esq. Roger[4] Clapp married, about 1748, Susannah Wales, of Dorchester, and died Aug. 1, 1807.

Children of ROGER and SUSANNAH (WALES) CLAPP:

115. ROGER,[5] b. Feb. 24, 1749; d. same day.
116. STEPHEN,[5] b. March 21, 1753. He was engaged in the Revolutionary War, was never married, and d. in camp or on his way home.
117. EZEKIEL,[5] b. March 14, 1756; d. Nov. 4, 1823, in his 68th year. In 1777, he m. Lydia Pratt, of Weymouth, who d. Jan. 17, 1837. In her old age one of her legs was broken, from the effects of which she never recovered. Ezekiel built and lived in the easterly half of the house at the Five Corners, already described above (see Roger[4]). Children:
    118. *Stephen,*[6] b. Dec. 22, 1778; d. March 23, 1850; m. Dec. 15, 1807, Hannah W., daughter of Deacon James Humphreys. He was a shoemaker by trade, and an industrious and worthy man. The shop which he at first occupied was near the Five Corners (Boston Street), and was burnt in the winter of 1815, on the day long afterwards known as the "cold Friday." He afterwards and to the end of his life lived on what is now Dudley Street, a short distance from the house

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of his father-in-law. Children: **i.** *James Harris*,[7] b. Dec. 15, 1809; d. Feb. 2, 1875; was a tanner by trade, having served his time with his uncle Henry Humphreys; his house, now standing on Dudley Street, is directly opposite the Humphreys homestead; he m. first, Nov. 28, 1839, Leonora, daughter of James Blake, of Warwick. She d. Nov. 28, 1843, aged 28, leaving one child: (1) *Madelia Hudson*,[8] b. July 31, 1842, d. Dec. 7, 1870, m. Oct. 27, 1868, S. Mason Dolbeare, who d. Oct. 12, 1871, aged 27. James H. Clapp m. second, Oct. 24, 1844, Lydia Wardwell, who bore him two children: (2) *Arthur*,[8] b. Nov. 24, 1845, entered the army in the War of the Rebellion, and d. in the Berwick City Hospital, May 21, 1863; (3) *Louisa Church*,[8] d. Aug. 21, 1849, aged 13 months. **ii.** *Edward*,[7] b. March 14, 1811; m. March 8, 1841, Fanny W., daughter of Isaac Beals, of Stoughton. They lived in Boston, where he did business as a mason until a few years ago, when bodily infirmity compelled him to give up his business and they removed to Dorchester. Children: (1) *Fanny Louisa*,[8] b. Jan. 15, 1842; (2) *Edward*,[8] d. young; (3) *Bradford B.*,[8] d. young; (4) *Horace B.*,[8] b. June 2, 1851. **iii.** *Susan C.*,[7] b. May 7, 1812; d. July 6, 1875; m. Aug. 20, 1846, Cyrus Balkam, Jr., of Dorchester, and had a son, Cyrus, b. Oct. 3, 1849. **iv.** *Lucy H.*,[7] b. Oct. 24, 1813; m. May 7, 1835, Lewis Clapp (No. 123), of Dorchester. **v.** *Jason*,[7] b. March 25, 1815; a wheelwright by trade, and lives in San Francisco; he m. Aug. 12, 1841, Harriet N. Hall, of Lyme, N. H., and has: (1) *Francis S.*,[8] b. Dec. 9, 1841, d. July 30, 1842; (2) *Francis S.*,[8] b. in 1844; (3) *Sophronia*;[8] (4) *Esther*;[8] (5) *a son*,[8] who d. young; (6) *Hiram*,[8] who is in a Military Academy. **vi.** *Stephen*,[7] b. June 24, 1817; m. June 28, 1852, Martha, dau. of Richard (son of Capt. Lemuel) Clapp, of Dorchester. **vii.** *Hannah Humphreys*,[7] b. Oct. 28, 1818; m. June 11, 1850, Lewis L. Whitney; they live in Woburn. **viii.** *Dorothy H.*,[7] b. March 26, 1820; m. March 23, 1853, Loren W. Perham, a carpenter by trade; they live in Woburn, and have two children: Alonzo L. and Williametta. **ix.** *Henry Barnard*,[7] b. Oct. 26, 1821; messenger in National Bank of Redemption, Boston; m. March 26, 1846, Mary C. Beals, of Stoughton, b. Sept. 3, 1825, sister to his brother Edward's wife. Children: (1) *Henry*,[8] d. in infancy; (2) *Henry Bingley*,[8] b. July 14, 1855; (3) *Mary Ella*,[8] b. March 26, 1857, m. Aug. 17, 1874, Albert L. Dunning; (4) *Charles E.*,[8] d. young; (5) *Emma Florence*,[8] b. June 10, 1861. **x.** *Lydia Elizabeth*,[7] b. Dec. 2, 1823; d. Aug. 26, 1824. **xi.** *William*,[7] b. March 9, 1827; lived with his uncle Henry Humphreys, then went to California, and d. there Jan. 29, 1850. **xii.** *Amos*,[7] b. May 12, 1828; d. Oct. 12, 1860; m. June 23, 1853, Charlotte W. Holman, and had: (1) *William Holman*,[8] b. July 17, 1855.

119. *Susanna*,[6] b. Jan. 29, 1782; d. June 17, 1839; m. Nov. 11, 1806, Oliver Wiswall Champney, who d. Aug. 13, 1845, aged 77. For many years they lived in the same house with her father and mother.

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120. *Edward*,[6] b. May 22, 1791; d. in Savannah, Ga., about Sept. 10, 1815.

121. *Ezekiel*,[6] b. Sept. 5, 1793; He was never married. He lived in the house formerly his father's, with his brother-in-law Mr. Champney. After the death of Mr. Champney, Ezekiel came into possession of most of his property, and lived in the same place till his own death, Sept. 3, 1848.

122. NATHANIEL,[5] b. July 13, 1761; d. March 27, 1826; m. Nov. 24, 1791, Hannah Glover. She was deranged the latter part of her life, and d. Feb. 25, 1829. They lived in the north-westerly end of the double house, the other part of which was built and lived in by his father. Children:

123. *Lewis*,[6] b. Oct. 17, 1792; d. Jan. 28, 1854; m. May 7, 1835, Lucy H., dau. of Stephen Clapp (No. 118), of Dorchester. With his brother Enos he lived, unm., in the same house with their parents till 40 years old or upwards. He was an industrious, hard-working man all his days, but found time to indulge his fondness for gunning excursions on the water and neighboring sea-shore during many years. Children: **i.** *Lydia*,[7] b. Sept. 10, 1836; m. Feb. 15, 1855, Joseph P. Silsby, lawyer; they live in Boston and have had four children, viz., Lizzie Park, b. Sept. 21, 1856, d. Aug. 27, 1857; Lewis Clapp, b. April 21, 1858, d. Aug. 29, 1872; Joseph Park, b. March 8, 1864; and Lydia A., b. June 25, 1865, d. Aug. 15, 1865. **ii.** *Fanny B.*,[7] b. Dec. 13, 1838; m. April 8, 1866, Thomas H. Silsby, and live in Philadelphia. **iii.** *Cornelia*,[7] b. Dec. 22, 1841; d. Aug. 28, 1845. **iv.** *Clara Humphreys*,[7] b. Dec. 13, 1843; m. Oct. 31, 1872, Edwin R. Jenness, and live in Boston. **v.** *Antoinette*,[7] b. July 2, 184–; m. Oct. 4, 1866, Chester M. Gay; they live in Dorchester, and have one child, Mary Antoinette, b. Dec. 31, 1874. **vi.** *Lucy*,[7] b. June 14, 1851; m. Oct. 31, 1872, Edwin A. Brooks; they live in Boston, and have Edwin A., b. March 23, 1875.

124. *Enos*,[6] b. May 31, 1794; m. July 18, 1834, Adaline Cassell, of Dorchester. Until his marriage, he lived in the same house with his brother Lewis, and the intimacy and affection which existed between them was remarkable and proverbial. Their size and height did not differ much, and they dressed very nearly alike. They were, however, of different complexion, Lewis having light hair and eyes, and Enos's being dark. Before they were married it was seldom that either of them was seen without the other. In business and pleasure, in the mowing-field and in the street, on Sunday and week-days, they were seldom apart, and the happiness of each seemed inseparable from that of the other. Their names were almost always used in connection by others, insomuch that many persons who were well acquainted with both, did not know either by his distinctive name; and children, when they happened to see one without the other, have been known to say—"There goes Lewis and Enos!" While their father was alive, he was a partner as it were in many of their labors, and nothing of importance was transacted

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without a consultation with him. They were excellent gunners; many stormy as well as pleasant days and nights were passed by them on land and water among the islands of Boston harbor in their eager pursuit for game, and no hardship or exposure was severe enough to check their enthusiasm or injure their health. They sometimes made excursions as far as Cape Cod, sending their game up to Boston market, and the number of sea-fowl killed by them before they relinquished this kind of recreation, was immense. Enos removed to Wayland in the spring of 1848. His wife died Oct. 3, 1868, aged 54, after which he returned to Dorchester, but has lately bought a place in Norfolk, Mass., where he now, 1875, resides. Children: **i.** *Emily Quincy*,[7] b. July 15, 1835; m. John D. Loker; they lived in Dorchester. **ii.** *Caroline*,[7] b. Nov. 12, 1836; m. Nathan B. Johnson; they live in Wayland. **iii.** *Alexander*,[7] b. Dec. 29, 1838. **iv.** *James Cassell*,[7] b. Dec. 28, 1840; was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, in the 13th Mass. Vols., and d. in a hospital in Virginia in the latter part of 1863.

125. *Joanna*,[6] b. Feb. 15, 1797; d. Sept. 9, 1832. Lived and died in her father's house.

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JOEL[5] (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of John and Abigail (Estabrook) Clapp, of Sudbury, was born July 2, 1726, and died in 1770. He married, Oct. 14, 1749, Elizabeth Burk. He was a carpenter by trade. He held but little property at the time of his death; it in part consisted of 80 acres of land in the town of Ashburnham (called Dorchester Canada), that being the township granted by the General Court of Massachusetts, in 1735, to the heirs of those who perished in the Canada expedition in 1690. It would seem that either Joel or his wife was included among these heirs. He was at one time in the army during the French war.

Children of JOEL and ELIZABETH (BURK) CLAPP:

126. JOHN,[6] b. Jan. 29, 1750; d. Feb. 16, 1752.

127. CALEB,[6] } Twins, b. Feb. 9, 1752; { d. June 5, 1812.
128. JOSHUA,[6] } { d. Nov. 5, 1810.

Caleb and Joshua, twin sons of Joel and Elizabeth Clapp, of Sudbury, were born in Hardwick, Mass. They were important men of their time; were both officers in the Revolutionary War, and acquaintances and friends of Gen. Washington. Their father died when they were about 18 years of age, leaving his children, as has already been said, but little property. Caleb entered the army at an early date; in August, 1775, he was Sergeant-Major of Col. Doolittle's regiment of Massachusetts troops, and was subsequently appointed Captain, and served honorably through the war. In 1776, while Ensign in Capt. Thomas Mighill's Co., 26th Mass. Regiment, commanded by Col. Loammi Baldwin, he accompanied that regiment to New York, it having been ordered there after the British army left Boston. A diary was kept by

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Ensign Clapp during the passage of the regiment to New York and the whole time of its stay in that city—a period of nearly seven months. It left Cambridge March 29, 1776, reaching Waltham that day, Marlboro' the second day, and each succeeding day arriving at Grafton, Bellingham, Providence, stopping in Providence one day, then to Coventry, R. I., Plainfield, Norwich, New London on the 10th day; the next morning embarked for New York and arrived the 11th of April, General Washington arriving there on the 13th. This ancient diary is now being published in full by Mr. Henry B. Dawson, in his Historical Magazine, New York. It constitutes a valuable historical document, and, could it be done with propriety, interesting extracts might be here copied from it. We cannot refrain, however, from taking one single item, relating as it does to an event the approaching Centennial Celebration of which now invests with a peculiar interest. Under date of July 9, 1776, the Regiment then being in New York, he writes: "This day the Declaration of the Independant States of America was read at the Head of the Brigade, after which a part of the 80 Psalm was sang, and then Mr. Leonard made Prayers, after that the whole Brigade give three Cheers." Caleb married ..... Stone, of Rutland, Mass., and removed to Greenfield, Mass., where he became a druggist and acquired a handsome property. He was a Representative to the General Court from Greenfield in 1797, and perhaps in other years. He was subject to seasons of great mental depression, and in one of them, when about 60 years old, committed suicide. After his death, his widow, an excellent and accomplished woman, continued to reside in their mansion, situated in a delightful spot in the town of Greenfield. A pension from government was awarded to her as widow of a Revolutionary officer. Caleb's name is among those of the original members of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Joshua Clapp was also in the Army of the Revolution, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. After the war he married Nabby Barnard, a sister of Mr. Charles Barnard, of Boston, and in 1792 removed to Montgomery, Vt., being the first settler in that town, and his family was the only one in the town for two years. He was subject to turns of the same kind of mental depression as his brother Caleb, and also committed suicide, being a member of the State Lesislature at the time.

In the "History of Greenfield," we find the following notice of these brothers:

"The lapse of a quarter of a century has not obliterated from the minds of a large portion of the population of this section of country the memory of the twin brothers, Capt. Caleb and Capt. Joshua Clap; the former a resident of this town, the latter of Montgomery, Vermont. Both were officers in the War of the Revolution, of the same grade. The resemblance between them was so perfect that they could not be distinguished the one from the other, except by their dress. Both gentlemen of the old school, intelligent, affable, polite and accessible to all. Both men of very sanguine temperaments, at times seemingly enjoying life to the full, and again all nature seemed to them a blank, a

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desolation. The dark and all-absorbing spirit of despondency and depression (which occasionally takes possession of some peculiarly constituted minds), that grand leveller and nullifier of talent and distinction, of which those who have never partaken can form no adequate conception, no, not even a remote idea, at times overwhelmed them, setting at nought the powers of reason.

"The sympathy existing between these high-minded, honorable, and, when the writer last saw them together in 1810, venerable men, was as remarkable as the almost wonderful resemblance in their persons. Both were comparatively in easy circumstances, yet the first-named had suffered considerably in the great Virginia land speculation. This sympathy showed itself in the closing act of their lives."

The historian of Greenfield was mistaken in saying above that both were officers of the same grade in the Revolution, as Caleb was a Captain and Joshua a Lieutenant.

The following additional notice of Capt. Caleb is from the *Franklin Herald*, published at Greenfield, under date of June, 1812:

"Died suddenly, in this town, the morning of the 5th inst., Capt. Caleb Clapp, an officer of the Revolution.

"With those who knew him, his Moral Worth & Virtue, and the social qualities that adorned his Character, the death of Capt. Clapp will be learned with an heartfelt sorrow, deep and lasting.

"A life of 60 years, full of service to his Country and Society in general, will speak the best and truest Eulogism.

"His humanity and Benevolence were attested through the extensive Sphere of his Acquaintance: Wide was the circle of his Charities. His sense of Honor such as becomes both the Soldier and the Christian; and the purest integrity, the truest bravery and a sincere and rational piety consummated his Character."

Children of Capt. Caleb Clapp:

129. *Lucy*,[7] after the death of her father, lived with her mother in Greenfield.

130. *Susan*,[7] m. Thomas W. Ripley, of Greenfield, whose son, Capt. Thomas W. Ripley, now living in that town, has in his possession the original manuscript of the diary of his grandfather, already referred to.

131. *Louisa*,[7] m. George A. Trumbull, and lived in Worcester; he was cashier of the Worcester Bank.

132. *Elizabeth*,[7] m. Rev. Wales Tileston, a Congregational minister, formerly settled in Charlemont, Mass., and afterwards removed to the West.

Children of Lieut. Joshua Clapp:

133. *Joel*,[7] b. in Montgomery, Vt., Sept. 14, 1793, being the first person born in that town; d. there Feb. 23, 1861, in his 68th year. In 1810, he entered the University of Vermont, but the sudden death of his father the next year compelled his return home, where several years were spent in settling his father's estate. He then studied law and was admitted to practice, but that profession not proving congenial, he gave

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his attention to theology, and Oct. 2, 1818, was ordained a Deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, by Bishop Griswold, of Massachusetts, who also ordained him as Priest Sept. 17, 1819. He soon organized a parish in his native town, and also one in the town of Berkshire, and another in Shelburne, Vt., and was instituted Rector of the Trinity Church in the last-named town, Oct. 27, 1819. During his eight years residence here, the amount of missionary service performed by him was very great. The church at Woodstock and also one at Bethel were added to the other three under his charge, and the extremes of this field of labor were 150 miles apart, with the Green Mountain range between. In 1828, he began to confine his labors to Bethel and Woodstock. In June, 1824, being then Rector of the church in Shelburne, and also, in the masonic order, Grand Chaplain of the State, he delivered a discourse on the laying of the corner-stone of Grace Church, Sheldon, Vt. In 1832, he accepted a call to Gardiner, Me., remaining there eight years; in 1840, returned to the church in Woodstock, Vt., and in 1848 became Rector of a Parish in Bellows Falls, where he remained ten years. In 1858, he took charge of St. Philip's Church, Philipstown, New York. In 1860, he accepted the post of Chaplain and Superintendent of the Home for the Aged and Orphans, at Brooklyn, N. Y. In consequence of failing health, he withdrew from this office, and returned to the parishes of Montgomery and Berkshire in Vermont, closing his work just where it was begun forty years before. It may be added that he represented his Diocese in seven sessions of the General Convention, was thirteen years secretary of the Diocesan Convention, and was seven years president of the Standing Committee. He received the degree of D.D. from Norwich University in 1849. The character of Rev. Dr. Clapp is thus summed up by a writer in the American Quarterly Church Review for 1861, to whom also we are indebted for many of the facts above stated. "His most striking excellencies were humility, modesty and kindness; sympathy with sorrow and suffering; and forbearance in judgment. He was also remarkable for an entire surrender of heart and purpose to truth and simplicity. So averse, indeed, was he to all duplicity, *evasion* or art, that he was sometimes thought to have been too out-spoken, and uncompromising, against all chicanery and artful manœuvering. The character of Dr. Clapp's mind was rather solid, than brilliant. He excelled more in the wise and judicious application of common knowledge to the every-day business of ordinary life, than in rare speculations and striking antitheses; more in wise adaptation of common appliances than in the invention of rare and complicated processes, either of thought or action. Hence he was rather a useful than a showy preacher; more distinguished for moral and practical instruction and exhortation, than for metaphysical speculations or philosophical subtleties. With him religion was rather a Faith to be received, a life to lead, than a system of theolo-

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gical opinions. In his social relations, public and private, he will be long remembered as a faithful minister and judicious counsellor; a true friend and affectionate companion." Rev. Joel Clapp was married about 1816, to Abigail Peckham, of Petersham, Mass. Children: **i.** *Charles B.*,[8] b. in 1817, and lived in Gardiner, Me. **ii.** *Mary M.*[8] **iii.** *Harriet E.*[8] **iv.** *Julia A.*[8] **v.** *Amelia G.*[8] **vi.** *George P.*[8]

134. *Harriet*,[7] b. April 2, 1796; m. William Baker, and lived in Denham, Canada.

135. *Eliza*,[7] b. Jan. 31, 1802; m. Rufus Hamilton, and lived in Montgomery, Vt.

136. *Joshua*,[7] b. Feb. 15, 1805; m. Sept. 3, 1827, Fanny, dau. of Richard Smith, of Montgomery, where they resided. Children: **i.** *Charles Franklin*,[8] b. May 16, 1828. **ii.** *Abigail S.*,[8] b. Sept. 14, 1829. **iii.** *William B.*,[8] b. July 3, 1831. **iv.** *George L.*,[8] b. Oct. 8, 1832. **v.** *Francis B.*,[8] b. May 17, 1835; d. Oct. 13, 1835. **vi.** *Edwin*,[8] b. Feb. 25, 1838. **vii.** *Fanny L.*,[8] b. May 28, 1840. **viii.** *Caleb*,[8] b. March 28, 1844. **ix.** *Harriet*,[8] b. December, 1845.

137. *Nabby*,[7] b. April 4, 1807; m. Hiram Hamilton, brother of Rufus, above named; d. April 6, 1843.

138. *Caleb*,[7] b. April 25, 1810; he is an Episcopal clergyman, resident in New York city for more than twenty years, and now Rector of the Church of the Nativity, in that city; he m. Sophronia, dau. of Geo. Woodworth, Esq., of Saratoga, and had *Aurelia*,[8] b. in 1841.

Joshua[6] had also two children who d. in infancy.

139. Cate,[6] b. Sept. 6, 1753; m. first, Nathan Haynes; m. second, Mr. Cutting; m. third, Mr. Wilder. She outlived all her three husbands, and in 1843 was living and active in Marlboro', Mass.

140. John,[6] b. Nov. 9, 1755; d. Dec. 17, 1757.

141. Nabby,[6] b. Dec. 6, 1757; was living in 1843, unmarried, in Lowell.

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ASAHEL[5] (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), second son of John and Abigail (Estabrook) Clapp, of Sudbury, was born in that town, March 12, 1729–30. He married, first, Rebecca Baker; second, Elizabeth Gilbert. They lived in Rutland, Mass.

Children of Asahel and 1st wife Rebecca (Baker) Clapp:

142. Jonas,[6] b. Nov. 13, 1761; d. Nov. 13, 1840; m. Abigail Garfield. He lived and died in Oakham, Mass., leaving a large family of children. He was a farmer, and a man of genuine hospitality. Children:

143. *Joseph*,[7] b. Feb. 12, 1789. A farmer in Oakland. He m. first, Mehitable Boyd; m. second, Abigail Allen. Children by first wife: **i.** *Mary A.*[8] **ii.** *Albert B.*[8] **iii.** *Abigail.*[8] **iv.** *Mehitable.*[8] Children by second wife: **v.** *Lavinia P.*[8] **vi.** *Martha M.*[8] **vii.** *Ellen F.*[8]

144. *Jonas*,[7] b. Nov. 16, 1790; d. in 1828. He was a blacksmith by trade, lived in Rutland, Mass., and d. unmarried.

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145. *Sally*,[7] b. Oct. 11, 1792; dead.
146. *Luther Johnson*,[7] b. Jan. 22, 1795. A farmer, and lived in Spencer, Mass. He m. Rebecca Boyd. Children: i. *Silas*.[8] ii. *Luther*,[8] now dead.
147. *Silas*,[7] b. March 26, 1797; m. Sybil Ripley, and lived in Oakham. He was a farmer, was an active and useful citizen, and held the office of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of that town. Children: i. *Sylvanus*.[8] ii. *Maria*.[8] iii. *Sarah*.[8] iv. *John*.[8] v. *Otis*.[8] vi. *Henry*.[8]
148. *Irene*,[7] b. July 4, 1799. Lived in Oakham.
149. *Daniel*,[7] b. April 25, 1802. A farmer, in Spencer, Mass. He m. Mary Ann Lathe. Children: i. *George B*.[8] ii. *Edwin C*.[8]
150. *Asahel*,[7] b. in December, 1804. A carpenter in Brattleboro', Vt. He m. Annis B. Pratt, who d. in that town March 6, 1844, aged 39. Children: i. *Maria J*.[8] ii. *Sarah J*.[8]
+151. Reuben,[6] b. May 8, 1766; d. April 12, 1823.
152. Abigail,[6] lived in Oakham, unmarried.

Children of Asahel and 2d wife Elizabeth (Gilbert) Clapp:

153. Elizabeth,[6] b. Feb. 28, 1768; d. unm. May 14, 1842.
154. Uriah,[6] b. July 16, 1769; m. Azubah Wilder, and lived in Gardner, Mass.; a cabinet-maker by trade, and said to have been a man of superior mechanical ability. Children:
155. *Asahel*,[7] b. Sept. 15, 1809. A shoemaker by trade. Married Hannah B. Harris, of Shutesbury; lived in Gardner, and had two children. He enlisted in the army in the War of the Rebellion, Aug. 9, 1862, 36th Regt., Co. H., Mass. Vols., and d. at Clinton, 12 miles from Jackson, Miss., July 20, 1864, of typhoid fever. Children: i. *W. E*.,[8] lives in Fitchburg. ii. *Flora F*.,[8] lives in Gardner.
156. *Daniel*,[7] b. Feb. 12, 1811; m. Catharine Grout; lived in Leicester, Mass., and had three children. He m. second, J. Wood. He now resides in Gardner, Mass.
157. *Mary B*.,[7] b. June 22, 1815. Lived in Gardner.
158. *Lovell*,[7] b. June 17, 1818. A shoemaker, and lived in Leicester, Mass. Married Martha Jones, of Pownal, Me.
159. Joel,[6] b. Dec. 27, 1772. A shoemaker in Holden, Mass. He m. first, Patty Barnes; m. second, widow Betsey Kimball. Children by first wife:
160. *Joseph B*.,[7] b. March 4, 1802. Went South, and was a school-teacher there; at one time was clerk in a book-store in Charleston, S. C.
161. *Lucy*,[7] b. June 4, 1804; m. Ira Cook, and lived in Athol, Mass.
162. *Charles*,[7] b. April 4, 1807. A shoemaker by trade in Petersham, Mass. He m. Relief Taylor, and is said to have had five children.

Children by second wife:

163. *Martha*,[7] b. May 18, 1820.
164. *Asahel*,[7] b. Feb. 27, 1822.
165. *Selinda*,[7] b. Jan. 13, 1825.
166. Patience,[6] b. Dec. 17, 1774; d. unmarried, Dec. 1, 1838.

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JOHN[5] (*Noah*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of Noah and Ann Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Sept. 11, 1764. He served his time as a cabinet maker with Deacon Munro, of Roxbury, Mass., in which town he settled and lived, and where he died Sept. 23, 1840, aged 76 years. His business was carried on in a shop which stood on the main street of the town, and his house was on what is now called Taber Street. He married, first, Nov. 20, 1794, Susanna, daughter of James and Sarah Robinson, of Dorchester, born June 10, 1771, and died May 9, 1802, aged 31 years. He married, second, Nov. 6, 1803, Priscilla, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Ann Holden, born March 22, 1777, and died Jan. 24, 1822, aged 45 years. He married, third, May 22, 1823, Mrs. Ann Hawes, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Pierce, of Dorchester, born Sept. 13, 1778, and died in Richmond, Va., Sept. 2, 1861, aged 82 years.

John Clapp was for many years Deacon of the First Church in Roxbury. He was a truly honest man, affable and remarkably courteous to all, and a blessing to his generation. There was a deep and lasting affection between him, his sister Elizabeth (Mrs. Seaver), and his brother Ebenezer for years preceding his death; they were for a long time all that remained of their father's family. His funeral was from the meeting-house in Roxbury, and he was buried with his ancestors in the Dorchester burying-ground.

His death was noticed in a funeral sermon by his Pastor, Rev. George Putnam,* D.D., as follows:

"Another venerable form lately with us, and with us here constantly as the sabbath bell—but now gone from us—rises to my view" * * * "He was for many years an officer in our church, and well known to all our older residents of the place. He always seemed to me a somewhat remarkable man, though there was nothing shining or conspicuous, to the general eye, either in his career or character. He belonged to a class, which as a peculiar class, is nearly extinct among us. I have often called him, though perhaps not with strict propriety, the last of the Puritans. He was a man whose education, habits and manners were moulded after the moral fashions of a by-gone day, less changed in after life than is usual. He seemed to embody in himself all that is most respectable and lovely in our idea of the primitive worthies of New England. There was in him none of the moroseness, bigotry, superstition, or stern ascetic spirit which we sometimes associate with our ancestors; these had worn off, given way to the times, and the influence of his own liberal and intelligent mind, but there remained that strong old-fashioned religious faith and principle and feeling, that sought no novelties, and required no stimulating machinery to keep it alive—honesty, steadiness of life, truthfulness, duty, seemed a matter of course with him, rooted not grafted in principles, the very seedlings of his character and not superinduced, you would be almost sure that he never

* Rev. George Putnam, D.D., is son of Andrew and Jerusha (Clapp No. 56 of EDWARD) Putnam. He was settled as minister over the First Church in Roxbury, July 7, 1830, and continued sole minister of the same until October, 1875, when a colleague was settled with him.

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could have been different, that he had never gone astray. I know nothing of his parentage, but his seemed the sort of character, in which the seeds of all the virtues have been early planted and nurtured in a good soil, by parents of the same stamp, and that they had grown up and strengthened with him. There was an evenness and a perfect consistency of life, very pleasant to contemplate—a crown of honor to an old man. He was a plain downright man, who never did or said anything for show—and there was such simplicity and utter sincerity in him that one cannot conceive that he ever had occasion to study appearances. He was not thriftless or neglectful of affairs, but was perfectly content with competency in a plain way and a humble lot, and seemed never to have felt the stirring ambitions of life, nor to have had any of the restless pride of life. He was a picture of a calm, cheerful, blameless, contented old age—such fruitage as only grows from the root of religious principles on the trunk of a well-spent life. We have many good men—I wish we could have more *such* men—that *that* peculiar character which his acquaintance understand might not become obselete. His death was instructive. He who so seldom spoke of himself at any other time, then spoke freely and affectingly. He said he had endeavored to fill his humble place well, and that he had been content and happy in it—that he had lived in peace with all men and died so. He left a good man's blessing on all in whom he was interested. He said he had looked forward to the days of infirmity and pain, decrepitude and death, and had all his life kept this last period in view, and expressly prepared for it by keeping peace with his conscience, and cherishing that faith and trust, that gratitude to God and hope in Christ which now supported him and made him happy in suffering and dying. Would God I could convey to others the simple lesson derived from the life and death of that plain old man. Good words are dull, but a good life, whenever we see through it and into it, the very marrow and beauty of its excellence, is always fresh, interesting, stirring."

John Clapp ever felt a deep interest in all that concerned the Town of Dorchester, and rejoiced in its prosperity. He was very fond of going down the harbor on fishing excursions from Dorchester. In one of these excursions, in 1826, two of his sons were drowned. He bore the calamity with great composure, but the effect upon him was such that he never went upon the waters of the harbor afterwards.

Children of Dea. JOHN and 1st wife SUSANNA (Robinson) CLAPP:

167. SUSANNAH R.,[6] b. Aug. 12, 1796; m. July 8, 1818, Benjamin B. Davis, of Brookline. She died of consumption, Oct. 10, 1837, deeply regretted, leaving two children, the eldest of whom, Susan, died of consumption, Feb. 16, 1839, aged 16 years and 10 months. Mr. Davis married, for his second wife, Elizabeth, dau. of Hon. Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Clapp No. 68) Seaver, a cousin to his first wife, and an excellent woman.

168. SARAH ANN,[6] b. June 24, 1800; m. Nov. 27, 1828, Otis Withington, of Brookline. She d., also of consumption, Nov. 23, 1839, leaving several children. Her loss was severely felt,

Children of Dea. JOHN and 2d wife PRISCILLA (Holden) CLAPP:

169. LUCY,[6] b. July 19, 1804; m. as his second wife, Otis Withington, formerly the husband of her half sister, Sarah Ann. Lucy had one child, and d. Jan. 25, 1846.

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170. Edward,[6] b. May 18, 1807. He was an apprentice in a chair and harness manufactory in Brookline, and was a young man of much promise. On the 28th of July, 1826, he lost his life under peculiarly distressing circumstances. His father and step-mother, with all their children, his uncle Ebenezer and wife (parents of the compiler of this work) and part of their family, went that day on the water of Dorchester Bay on an excursion of pleasure. They landed at Thompson's Island, to cook their dinner under the sycamore tree then standing on the Island; and while thus engaged Edward and his brother John left the party to bathe on the other side of the island. The tide being out, John slipped into the channel, and Edward, in his attempt to assist him, was caught by his brother in such a manner that they both sank, and were drowned. The body of Edward was found and carried home with them that day; that of his brother John was recovered the next day. They were buried in one grave, in the north burying-ground of Dorchester, by the side of their mother, and their father's body was afterwards laid beside them. This sudden affliction was a severe stroke to their father, but he bore it with great calmness and resignation.

171. John,[6] b. Sept. 25, 1809. He was placed in a book-store in Boston, and was there engaged up to the time of the fatal accident already related, which resulted in his death in his 17th year. Like his brother John, he was already forming principles and habits which gave promise of much future usefulness.

172. James B.,[6] b. Sept. 20, 1812. He has been in the book trade, in different capacities, all his life; is unmarried, and for the last twenty-five years has been faithfully engaged in the salesroom in Boston of the Massachusetts Bible Society. He is the present owner of the watch mentioned in the inventory of the Rev. Nathaniel[3] Clapp (No. 14), of Newport, R. I.

173. Jane,[6] b. April 27, 1816; d. Feb. 16, 1853. She m. Moses Withington, of Brookline, brother of Otis Withington, who m. two of her sisters. After her death, he m. Harriet S., dau. of Dr. Joseph and Betsey (Tileston) Clapp. Mr. Moses Withington is now living, and for many years has been town treasurer of Brookline.

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EBENEZER[5] (*Noah,*[4] *Jonathan,*[3] *Nathaniel,*[2] *Nicholas*[1]), youngest son of Noah and Ann Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Aug. 25, 1771, in the Deacon Jonathan house, burnt in 1784, and died near the place where he was born, March 6, 1860, in the 89th year of his age. He served his time with Col. Ebenezer Clapp, of Dorchester, in the tanning and farming business. The principal part of his business, through life, was tanning, the yard where he carried it on being in the hollow nearly opposite the present northwest gate of the old cemetery of the town. It was on the north margin of a good-sized pond which furnished water for his works, and which in the old charts is put down as Royall's pond, one of the family of that name

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in former years owning the land on its south margin.* An infant son of Deacon Clapp's was unfortunately here drowned in 1802. One of the town school-houses stood for many years between the street and this pond, with a passage way side of it down to the pond; and many a good ducking with sometimes narrow escapes from drowning here took place among the school children at intermission seasons. Ebenezer Clapp was married, Oct. 18, 1797, to Eunice, dau. of John and Sarah Pierce, of Dorchester. He lived at once in the house which his father Noah built in 1784 and 1785, and continued there till his death. In 1809 he was chosen Deacon of the First Church in Dorchester, being the eighth of the name of Clapp who had filled the office in that church since its formation. He retained the deaconship till his death, and was a member of the church more than 60 years. His wife Eunice died Nov. 23, 1849, aged 71 years. She was sister of Rev. Dr. Pierce of Brookline, was a woman of sterling qualities in all the relations of life, and spent her strength and health in nursing the sick and suffering. Deacon Clapp married, second, Oct. 22, 1850, Mrs. Patty Holden, dau. of Dr. Phineas Holden; she was married first, to Samuel Glover, second to Ezekiel Holden, third to Deacon Clapp. She died April 5, 1864, aged 87 years. In her younger years she was called the "Dorchester beauty," and through life in appearance and manners her superiority was universally acknowledged. The *Christian Register* of April 16, 1864, says of her: "The character of the tender mother, the affectionate and confiding wife, the judicious councillor, and the constant sympathizing friend, she exemplified with rare truthfulness and fulness. Industry, sterling sense, faith, self-reliance and heroism, were among the most brilliant traits of her character." Deacon Clapp d. March 6, 1860, aged 88 years 6 mos. 11 days.

The possession by Deacon Clapp of a fowling-piece once the property of Lieut. Gov. Oliver has already been referred to (p. 230). How often and how effectively he made use of this instrument in the gunning excursions upon the waters of the "Harbor," of which

* William Royall died in Dorchester in 1724. Hon. Isaac Royall, his son, was born there in 1672, and became a man of wealth and distinction. He spent many years of his life in Antigua, in the West Indies, but returned to Charlestown, Mass., in 1737, and died there in 1739. He built a large, substantial and expensive tomb for his father in the old burying-ground in Dorchester, where his own body was interred. On the horizontal tablet over the tomb is inscribed an extended epitaph commemorative of his character as a christian, patriot and statesman. The piece of land alluded to was opposite the old burying-ground, and reached on Boston Street from the pond to what is now Upham's Corner. Isaac Royall at one time owned on the eastern side of Boston Street a thirty-acre lot extending from the Five Corners north toward the salt marsh. This he sold to Robert Oliver by deed dated Nov. 18, 1738. A succeeding member of the Royall family, a loyalist, also named Isaac, was the generous founder of the first law professorship in Harvard University. Another Isaac Royall, perhaps an uncle of the first-named, lived in Dorchester in 1676, was the builder of the meeting-house put up that year, and probably married a daughter of Thomas Tolman, of Dorchester. It would seem that there were three Isaac Royalls living at the same time, early in the 18th century, in Dorchester. A deed is on record at the Suffolk Co. Registry office, dated July 28, 1703, signed by Isaac Royall, Sen. (his mark), housewright, of Dorchester, and wife Waitstill Royall (her mark), conveying to son Isaac Royall, Jr., also housewright, of Dorchester, certain real estate; and another deed, a few years later, with his own mark only attached, conveys all his other property to his son Robert Royall, of the same profession and in the same place.

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he was so passionately fond, is still remembered by some of the generation then just coming on to the stage. With regard to one form of bodily exposure incident to such pursuits, he used to say that he considered wet feet no more hurtful to health than wet hands. He was an excellent marksman among the flying sea fowl, and very seldom failed in bringing down his game.* A writer in one of the papers, at the time of his death, says of him:

"He was at various periods urged to accept an appointment as Justice of the Peace, in his earlier days, a mark of distinction which his excessive modesty would never allow him to accept."

"Deacon Clapp was always an early riser, always industrious, ever prompt in the fulfilment of engagements. And he found his sure reward in a competent estate which afforded him the *material* of a well appointed home, into which himself infused the spirit of Christian contentment and happiness, while he and his family found their chief delight in manifesting their gratitude to the good providence of God by dispensing his bountiful gifts with such a union of grace and good will as entirely set at rest all feelings of restraint or obligation."

The following brief sketch of his life and character is from the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register for 1860:

"Deacon Clapp was for many years in the constant employment of the town, having charge of its various affairs as selectman, overseer of the poor, and member of the school committee,† in all which he received the cordial approbation of his fellow-citizens for his correct judgment, his fidelity and

* What with the skill of sportsmen in those days and the abundance of sea bird, a large business was done in fowling by some of the Dorchester men. One of the predecessors of Deacon Ebenezer Clapp in this line probably far excelled him in the number of birds shot, as appears by the following extract from the History of Dorchester. "John Pierce, of Dorchester, was one of the most noted sportsmen in the vicinity. He was great-grandfather of the late Rev. John Pierce, D.D., who died in Brookline, Aug. 23d, 1849. John, the sportsman, was born in Dorchester in 1668. He spent much time in killing wild fowl. It is said, upon good authority, that he kept an account of the brants shot by him—they being then, as now, considered a superior quality of game—and they amounted to thirty thousand. He did not, like many less skilful gunners, lose his life from so constant a use of fire-arms, but died in consequence of a fall, January 27, 1744."

† Deacon Ebenezer Clapp was a tanner practically as well as by profession. The heavy, rough and discolored outside clothing which was worn by tanners when about their work was daily seen upon him as he mingled with the other workmen in the process of tanning. The writer of this note, one of the committee on the publication of this "Memorial," well remembers the worthy Deacon being called suddenly from his work into the school hard by, by the teacher, to administer a deserved reprimand to a guilty scholar. One of the elder girls had been detected in a falsehood under circumstances which brought the offence to the knowledge of the whole school. In order to give more force to the rebuke which the teacher felt was called for, and to impress the scholars more strongly by its coming from so worthy a member of the school committee, a messenger was sent to the tan-yard, almost under the school-house windows, requesting Deacon Clapp to come in at once. There was no time for change of clothes or any other preparation; nevertheless he quickly obeyed the call. He was informed of the circumstances of the case, and then in a few plain, direct and impressive words he set forth the heinousness of lying in a manner that strongly impressed one at least who heard him, and there is little doubt that every child present felt the weight of his remarks, and perhaps quite as deeply as though the speaker were clothed in richest robes.

This school-house was of brick, and was built in 1802, $300 being appropriated by the town for the purpose, and the balance of the expense being borne by individuals in that school district. In 1811, the building was formally surrendered to the town, a vote being passed to accept the cession of it "for the town use to be retained and kept as a school-house as heretofore." After the building was taken down, the "Tiger" engine house was erected on the spot, and another school-house was built in Sumner Street, in 1835, which was afterwards replaced by the one now standing. This school is now known as the Dorchester Everett School of the city of Boston.

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his cheerful and undivided devotion to the welfare of his native town. He was often called to act in the capacity of administrator upon estates and as guardian to widows and the fatherless, whose interest was always sure to be well cared for under his judicious and conscientious administration.

"He possessed a remarkably retentive and at the same time an unusually ready memory. A most engaging feature of his conversation was the review of the events of his early life. It may be noted here that the earliest point to which his memory referred was the burning of Charlestown in 1775, which he witnessed from "Jones's Hill," at a short distance from his father's house. The memory of the songs and stories of the Revolution afforded him great delight, while his rehearsal of them imparted a lively interest to the social hour. The geniality and hospitality of Deacon Clapp rendered his house a place of great resort for old and young."

"Deacon Clapp was the last survivor of the company who enlisted from Dorchester for the suppression of the rebellion of Daniel Shays, being at that period but 15½ years old. He was naturally very cautious, yet firm as a rock, knowing no fear."

"He died as he lived, in full trust in God, and in perfect charity with all mankind."

Children of Deacon EBENEZER and EUNICE (Pierce) CLAPP:

174. HEPZIBAH,[6] b. Sept. 4, 1798; m. March 11, 1824, Benjamin Lathrop Sumner, b. in Taunton; they have lived for some years past in a house erected a few rods north of her father's, and five children have been born to them.

175. ASAHEL,[6] b. Dec. 27, 1799; d. Jan. 12, 1867; m. first, Sept. 28, 1825, Hannah Harraden. She d. of a cancer, without issue, April 7, 1831; and he m. second, Feb. 2, 1837, Elizabeth S. Whiting, b. Dec. 1, 1818. He lived with his father for the first twenty years of his life, and worked at the tanning business, which he was compelled to relinquish on account of his health. He was afterwards, in company with Joel Priest, engaged in the wholesale grocery business on State Street, and then on Long Wharf, in Boston. Subsequently, he was a clerk in the employment of Josiah Stickney, of Boston, and later he was several years a partner in trade with Gov. Joseph A. Gilman, of Concord, N. H. He resided the latter part of his life in his house on Columbia Street, Dorchester, and d. there Jan. 12, 1867, aged 67 years. His widow still occupies the same house. He possessed good business qualifications; was kind, genial and courteous, and had hosts of friends. Children:

176. *Elizabeth Stickney*,[7] b. Aug. 23, 1839; m. June 6, 1865, Benjamin Pierce Cheney, of Boston, and has five children.

177. *George W.*,[7] b. June 23, 1847; m. June 11, 1873, Susan M. Campbell, of Cherryfield, Me., and has *Alice Campbell*,[8] b. July 27, 1875.

178. *Annette Boyden*,[7] b. Aug. 27, 1849; d. Nov. 17, 1850.

179. *Josephine*,[7] b. May 15, 1854.

180. *Benjamin P. Cheney*,[7] b. Nov. 24, 1862.

181. JONAS,[6] b. April 15, 1801; d. by drowning, May 20, 1802. His body was found in the pond adjoining his father's tan-yard, he probably having rolled into the water down the steep bank on the south side between the pond and the street.

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182. JOHN PIERCE,[6] b. Feb. 12, 1803. He served his time at the tanning business with his father; and after becoming of age he established himself in the same business, on the Dorchester side of Roxbury Brook, so-called, the boundary line between the two towns. In 1840, he erected a new house near his yard, on the site of the old Humphreys house, then removed and one of the oldest houses in town. Aug. 25, of that year, he m. Mary Ann Bragg, of Drewsville, N. H. His health was feeble for many years, and in 1845 he gave up the tanning business, removed to another part of the town, and became a dealer in lumber. He was Lieut. Colonel in the Massachusetts Militia, held the offices of assessor and town treasurer, and for several years was one of the school committee of Dorchester. In 1848 he was chosen one of the Wardens of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in that town, and, with the exception of one year, has been annually re-elected to that office to the present time. He relinquished the lumber business some years ago, and has since been occupied as an insurance agent. His life has been upright and useful, and has exerted a moral and christian influence in the community. Children:

183. *Henry Austin*,[7] b. July 17, 1841; graduated at Harvard College 1860, and studied law; m. June 23, 1869, Florence Clarke, of Oswego, N. Y. In 1862, he enlisted for nine months in the 44th Regiment of Mass. Vols., in the War of the Rebellion. During two months of his service in Newbern, N. C., he was detailed by Gen. John G. Foster for special service, and had charge of the work of taking the census of the colored population of that city. He practises law in Boston, but has been engaged for several years past as the dramatic and musical critic of the *Boston Daily Advertiser*, and has frequently contributed to that paper, and to other leading newspapers of Boston and New York.

184. *Mary Helen*,[7] b. June 7, 1845.

185. *Louisa Howe*,[7] b. June 3, 1847.

186. *William White*,[7] b. Dec. 11, 1848.

187. LUCY,[6] b. July 23, 1805; d. Dec. 16, 1872. She was never married, and lived with her father till his death. She was remarkable for the sweetness of her disposition, and the exhibition through life of the other gifts and graces that made her useful at home and beloved everywhere.

188. JONAS,[6] b. March 30, 1807. Was a wheelwright by trade. He was engaged in several fishing excursions to the Great Banks, and once went on a whaling voyage to the Pacific Ocean. He lived awhile in Dover, Mass., and also in Walpole, where he d. unm., Dec. 10, 1857. He was genial and kind hearted in his disposition; a great lover of music, both vocal and instrumental; an expert on the bassoon, upon which for many years he performed, gratuitously, in the choir at the meeting-house of the first parish in Dorchester.

+189. EBENEZER,[6] b. April 24, 1809. Compiler of this Memorial.

190. ANN,[6] b. March 26, 1811; m. Nov. 17, 1841, Henry A. Gay, of Quincy. Mr. Gay was b. in Boston, and served his time at the tanning business in Dorchester with Ann's father. He carried

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on the tanning business in Quincy, and was for many years the efficient Depot Master at the Quincy Station of the Old Colony Railroad. They have no children of their own, but have one adopted daughter.

191. Elizabeth,[6] b. July 15, 1814; m. May 14, 1835, John H. Robinson, of Dorchester, son of Major Edward Robinson. They live on Adams Street, Dorchester, in the mansion house of his father, and have had six children that lived to grow up, viz.: Ellen Elizabeth, Mary Caroline, John Howe, Lucy Ann, Emily Pierce and Isabella Howe—the second and last two now living.

192. Eunice,[6] b. Aug. 28, 1816; d. Sept. 2, 1816.

193. Joel,[6] b. Dec. 15, 1817. He worked with his father in the tanning business until about 18 years old, then kept school for two years; in 1842, was keeping store in Boston. Subsequently, he went out west, and was never heard of afterwards—supposed to have died of cholera.

194. Hiram,[6] b. Jan. 22, 1820; m. May 13, 1849, Rebecca Jenkins. He was brought up as a tanner, and continued in the business until the old yard was given up, about thirty-five years since. Was for awhile engaged in the lithographic business in Boston, and has now for many years held the office of collection clerk in the State National Bank in Boston. He lives near the spot where his grandfather Noah's house was built. That house, in which also his father (Deacon Ebenezer) lived and died, together with the barn belonging to it, were removed by Hiram a few rods west, and were sold to John A. Bird, and Hiram's present residence was built in the year 1865 near the site of the old one. The ancient vane, measuring six feet four inches, which was on the meeting-house of the First Parish when taken down in 1816, and which was then placed on the barn of Deacon Clapp, still remains and is veered by the changing breezes as they pass over the same building in its new place. Hiram was one of the Committee for calling the Clapp Family Gathering in 1873. Children:

195. *Frederic William*,[7] b. July 26, 1850.

196. Amos,[6] b. Nov. 5, 1821; d. June 16, 1825, and was buried the next day, being that on which the corner-stone of the Bunker Hill Monument was laid.

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DAVID[5] (*David*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of David and Ruth (Humphreys) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Nov. 30, 1759, and died there May 15, 1846, in his 87th year. He married, Dec. 9, 1794, Susannah Humphreys, daughter of Henry Humphreys, of Dorchester (who in 1752 married Abigail Clapp, No. 84, daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah Clapp). Mrs. Susannah Clapp died Jan. 27, 1809, and David married second, July 28, 1801, Azubah, daughter of Deacon Jonathan Capen, of Stoughton, born there March 20, 1766. She was a woman of much energy of character, and was ever ready to give assistance when needed among friends and neighbors. She brought with her from her first home the then common

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household utensils of the hand-loom and spinning-wheel, and for many years after marriage made use of them in supplying cloth for family use.* She died in Dorchester, of a cancer, Aug. 10, 1835, aged 69 years.

From statements made verbally by himself, David seems to have been engaged, with his father, in the exciting occurrences connected with the throwing up of the fortifications on Dorchester Heights, in March, 1776, which drew into the public service most of the male inhabitants of the town. The pay-roll for services thus performed, now in the State House, Boston, includes his father's name from the 14th to the 26th of March, between which dates, as is well known, the British army evacuated Boston. As already mentioned on page 223, he took the place of his father as a soldier in the Dorchester company in 1777. This company was on duty as guard to Gen. Burgoyne's army, then prisoners of war in Cambridge, and he continued there for five months. His diary of that period relates the following incidents:

"A prisoner, one of the British grenadiers, was seen at night by one of our sentinels to be getting pickets that were placed around the fort, and as his orders were to secure them, he ordered the prisoner to desist. After speaking several times without effect, the sentry told him if he persisted in doing so he would fire. The only answer given was a profane daring of the sentry to fire. He fired, and killed the prisoner on the spot. Some of the other prisoners were so enraged at this, that they threatened to kill the sentry; and as he was noted by a stiffness in one of his knees, and could be easily recognized, the officers thought it best not to put him on the main guard again. I think there was another prisoner who lost his life at Cambridge by disobeying orders."

"One of the company which I belonged to would frequently, after his duties of the day were done, set out at night to visit his family, and return so as to be on hand between daylight and sunrise the next morning to answer to his name—being obliged to walk in going and coming, more than 16 miles."

A few months after his return home, he was himself drafted, and was one of nine privates, who with a sergeant and corporal were sent to Noddle's Island (East Boston) to guard the fort there. He stayed there from August to December, 1778, having, as he said in his diary, "as easy a time as a soldier could wish to have." East Boston was then barren and almost uninhabited. "At the time that I was at the Island," says his diary, "there were only two dwelling houses and two families, the inhabitants I think no more than twelve."† During the next three years he was on duty at different times, as mentioned in the following extract from some of his papers.

* The mother of Mrs. Clapp, who died in Stoughton in 1817, aged 96 years, continued the use of her loom till very late in life. During her 90th year the number of yards of various kinds of cloth woven by her was carefully marked down by one of her daughters, and was found to have been thirteen hundred.

† By the census of Boston taken in the summer of 1875, the population of Ward 1 (East Boston) is put down as 29,347, and that of South Boston (the ancient Dorchester Neck), as 53,982.

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"At several times in the years 1779, '80 and '81 I enlisted in and served under Captain Champney and Captain Clapp twenty-six at Dorchester Heights. As we were guardians of the town of D we were to our own dwelling house and our business at home, ex we were to live. We were allowed good provisions and the duty exceeding severe times, a sergeant, sixty-six and nine privates were a our company to do duty in town a guard ship in Boston harbor. when I was there the prisoners being so many as to be about thr of the guard they having their pensions raised by having their increased the day previous they vented their rage against the threatening to throw us all overboard for as we did not render e their passions were cool the next morning."

During the last years of his life he received a pension f government.

David Clapp learned the shoemaker's trade, but the practi proving injurious to his health he abandoned it and follow business of tanning being employed in the establishment brother-in-law Deacon James Humphreys from early manho about 70 years old. He settled his father's estate in 17 inherited one-third of the nine acres of land already alluded the north-east side of Jones's Hill. David's portion was the w three acres, and on this lot at the foot of the hill, now on Sto Street, he erected a house in 1794, previous to his first mar This house was a few rods distant from that of his father, whic on the lot that fell to Samuel and was burnt in 1804. David's is still standing and his estate remains in the hands of his de dants. Notwithstanding that the early part of his life was p during the exciting and tumultuous times of the Revolutio different from those of any of his ancestors, the remainder of i more retired and quiet than was either of theirs. No vi indulgence was contracted in camp to the injury of his future m or health. He retained all the strictness of religious belief practice peculiar to the puritans, was never absent from his s his Sunday place of worship, and was conscientiously temperate almost abstemious in his habits of food and drink.

Children of David and Abiah (Capen) Clapp, of Dorchest

197. Susannah Humphreys,[4] b. May 16, 1802; d. in Milton, Ja 1883; m. July 1, 1824, Charles Tucker, of Milton, b. Fe 1800. Two children survived her—Charles and John Athe Her religious and devotional feelings were deep and strong she was in the habit from early life of giving expression to t by the pen. From the large number of manuscripts left by at death, and from numerous letters to correspondents, a s tion was made after her decease, and printed in a small vol called "The Hidden Life of a Christian," with an introduc notice by the Rev. John Codman, D.D., of Dorchester, minister before her marriage.

198. Theophilus Capen,[4] b. Dec. 1, 1803; m. Oct. 16, 1834, J dau. of Stephen and Rachel (Capen) Blake, of Stoughton.

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199. *David*,[7] b. in Dorchester, Aug. 23, 1836; m. first, Nov. 20, 1862, Abby E. Otis, of Barnstable, who d. July 8, 1865; m. second, in May, 1867, Ellen Chamberlain, of Barnstable. He served his time in the store of Nathaniel Wales in Stoughton; was then for several years with Wales & Conant in Barnstable, and in November, 1863, removed to Boston and established himself in the grocery business in Tremont Street. He is now in the same business, in partnership with his brother, Stephen B., in the Washington Market, under the firm of D. & S. B. Clapp. Child by first wife: I. *William Stephen*,[8] b. Dec. 31, 1864. Child by second wife: II. *Allen Taylor*,[8] b. Feb. 13, 1868.
200. *Susannah Humphreys*,[7] b. in Dorchester, Sept. 7, 1838; d. in Stoughton, of consumption, June 27, 1857.
201. *Stephen Blake*,[7] b. in Dorchester, April 2, 1841; m. Oct. 13, 1874, Lucy M., dau. of Jonathan Capen, of Poultney, Vt., and great-granddau. of Dea. Jonathan Capen, of Stoughton, Mass. Stephen B. was for several years in the store of Wales & Conant in Barnstable. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the navy for one year; was on gunboats "Isaac Smith," "T. A. Ward" and "William Bacon;" served in the South and North Atlantic squadrons and Potomac flotilla; in an engagement at Stono River, S. C., in January, 1863, he was taken prisoner and was confined about two months in Charleston Jail and Libby Prison. After the war, he engaged in business in Marlboro', Mass., but since October, 1870, has been in partnership with his brother David, in Washington Market, Boston.
202. *Elijah Blake*,[7] b. April 5, 1844; d. July 25, 1846.
203. *Jonathan Capen*,[7] b. Jan. 19, 1847; d. May 29, 1867.
204. *Mary Jane*,[7] b. July 7, 1850; now living with her father in Needham.
205. David,[6] b. in Dorchester Feb. 6, 1806; m. April 9, 1835, Mary Elizabeth, b. Aug. 25, 1808, dau. of Atherton Tucker, of Milton. After serving an apprenticeship at the printing business with Mr. John Cotton* in Boston, he continued in Mr. C.'s office, at

* The Hon. John Cotton, a direct descendant of the Rev. John Cotton, second minister of the First Church in Boston, was born in Boston, June 9, 1771. He carried on the business of ship and house painting in Battery march Street, and was also pretty extensively engaged in the manufacture of painted carpets. In 1822, circumstances placed the printing office of his son, John Cotton, Jr., in his hands, and he continued in the printing and publishing business for the next ten or twelve years. He was early placed in public offices of various kinds, which he faithfully and acceptably filled; was at one time commander of the military company called the Winslow Blues, and after the town of Boston assumed the name and government of a city he was chosen President of its Board of Health Commissioners. He was also President of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association in 1821, 1822 and 1823, succeeding Maj. Benjamin Russell in that office, and in 1833 a silver pitcher was pre-

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the corner of Washington and Franklin Streets. Early in 1831 a brief partnership in carrying on the same establishment was entered into with Henry S. Hull, taking the name of Clapp & Hull, after which Mr. Cotton and Mr. Clapp were partners, under the firm of D. Clapp, Jr. & Co., till 1834, when the junior partner bought out the office, and continued the business on the old corner till 1861. Franklin Street was then widened at its head, the corner building taken down, and the printing office, after remaining in that place for the period of thirty-nine years, was removed to No. 564 Washington Street, where it has since been devoted to the business of general book and job printing and publishing. In 1864 his oldest son, John Cotton Clapp, was taken into partnership with him, under the firm of David Clapp & Son. While he was an apprentice with John Cotton in 1823, the publication of the Medical Intelligencer, a weekly periodical then edited by Dr. J. V. C. Smith,* was commenced in the office, and in 1828 was united with another periodical and afterwards continued as the "Boston Medical and Surgical Journal." It became the sole property of Mr. Clapp in 1834, and was issued from his press without the omission of one weekly number till December, 1874, when it was purchased by a company of medical men of Boston, and its place of publication removed. The work had reached its 91st volume, and Mr. Clapp had been connected with its publication for about fifty years. The Boston Directory was printed in the same office from 1829 to 1846; much book and pamphlet work has been done in it, and the N. E. Hist. and Genealogical Register has been issued by the firm for the last ten years. Mr. C. has never been in public life, and his chief attention has been given to the business of his office, with scarcely a day's intermission by sickness, and with few

sented him by the government of the Association, on which was inscribed: "From the Mass. Charitable Mechanic Association to the Hon. John Cotton (one of the original members of the Association), as a testimony of their respect for his services as secretary, treasurer, trustee, president and vice-president, and of their wish to be remembered as his associates." On the occasion of the great fire in Beacon Street, July 7, 1824, Mr. C. was the owner of one of the dwelling-houses burned, which was occupied at that time, it may be mentioned, by Mr. Timothy H. Carter, a gentleman ever since well known and much respected in Boston, and who may still be daily seen passing actively through our streets. Mr. Cotton himself lived for many years in Purchase Street, and died there Nov. 25, 1837. In a funeral sermon after his death, by Rev. George Ripley, Minister of the Purchase-street Congregational Church, he speaks of "the recent event which has taken from this religious society one of its oldest members, one of its most constant worshippers, one of its honored officers, need I say one of its strongest friends."

* Jerome Van Crowninshield Smith, M.D., was born in Conway, N. H., July 20, 1800, son of Dr. Richard R. Smith. He graduated at Brown University in 1818, was elected Prof. of Anatomy and Physiology in the Berkshire Medical Institution in 1822, joined the Mass. Medical Society in 1824, and was a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity. In 1823 he established the Boston Medical Intelligencer, which he edited for a number of years. He afterwards became Editor of the Boston Med. and Surg. Journal, which took the place of the Intelligencer, and continued its editor about twenty years. Dr. Smith was a remarkably active and industrious man, and was the author of various scientific, historical and miscellaneous works. Those on the Honey-bee, on the Fishes of Massachusetts, on the American Indians, a Classbook of Anatomy, and a Satire on Animal Magnetism, may be mentioned among his earlier works. He was port physician of Boston from 1826 to 1849, having charge of Rainsford Island Hospital, was a member of the Legislature several years, member of the school committee, a justice of the peace, a popular lecturer, and delivered a 4th of July oration at South Boston in 1835. He made the tour of Europe in 1850, and afterwards issued his two volumes of travels in Egypt and Palestine. In 1854, he was elected Mayor of the city of Boston, and was re-elected the next year. Some years since, he removed from Boston to New York, where he still resides, and where he has continued the same busy round of useful labor as marked his long residence in Boston.

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absences from home for any purpose. In 1846 he was chosen one of the wardens of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in South Boston, and has been annually re-elected to that office to the present time. Since his marriage in 1835, his residence, excepting a period of three or four years in Dorchester, has been in South Boston—which place, during his abode there, has grown from 6,000 people to more than 53,000. On the death of his father, in 1846, the estate was so settled with the other heirs that the homestead and hill-land adjoining became the property of himself and his sister Azubah, who still retain them. As one of the Committee of Publication of this work, and also one of its publishers, the labor of transcribing and completing its material has in some measure devolved on him. Children:

206. *Mary Susannah*,[7] b. in Dorchester, June 6, 1836. Has been occupied at different times in teaching.

207. *John Cotton*,[7] b. in Dorchester, June 30, 1837. In 1855 he entered the printing office of his father, David Clapp, then at 184 Washington Street, and since 1864 has been in partnership with him. In 1864 he took out a patent at Washington as inventor of a numbering machine, and several years afterwards sold out his right to a party at the west, who have made extensive use of the invention for various purposes. Has been clerk of St. Matthew's Parish, So. Boston, since 1861. His christian name was given him in memory of the gentleman with whom his father was connected for many years, and who died in Boston a short time before the birth of John C. He m. July 19, 1865, Julia Curtis, daughter of Horatio N. Crane, of Boston; they reside in South Boston. Children: **i.** *Ellen Gertrude*,[8] b. May 7, 1866. **ii.** *Homer Crane*,[8] b. Dec. 9, 1868. **iii.** *John Cotton*,[8] b. Oct. 27, 1870. **iv.** *David Atherton*,[8] b. June 12, 1873; d. Aug. 10, 1874.

208. *Elizabeth Atherton*,[7] b. in Dorchester, April 9, 1839. Has for several years practised drawing and painting, and is the designer of some of the illustrations in this Memorial.

209. *David Capen*,[7] b. in South Boston, April 12, 1841; m. Nov. 13, 1867, Constance Laocadie Pierrelée, b. in Paris, France, April 1, 1843. He served in the War of the Rebellion as private in the 44th Mass. Regt., in North Carolina; as Sergeant in the 1st unattached Co. Mass. Vols., at Fort Independence, Boston Harbor, and as 2d Lieut. in the 8th U. S. Colored Troops in Virginia and Texas. They live in Dorchester, and he is in the office of his father and brother. Children: **i.** *Wilfred Atherton*,[8] b. Aug. 6, 1869. **ii.** *Marguerite Steffens*,[8] b. March 30, 1872. **iii.** *Mary Elizabeth*,[8] b. May 30, 1874.

210. *Caroline Tucker*,[7] b. in South Boston, July 28, 1844; m. Oct. 1, 1867, Albert A. Chittenden, of Boston, b. Oct. 1, 1842. In the late war he was Color Corporal in the 45th, and afterwards Lieut. in the 6th, Mass. Vols. He is now a clerk in the office of the Boston Gas Co. They live at Mt. Bowdoin, Dorchester District, Boston, and have three children living: George Herbert, Charlotte Elizabeth, and Albert Percival; one child, Winthrop Clapp, has died.

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211. *Sarah Ellen*,[7] b. in South Boston, Aug. 8, 1847; m. June 10, 1873, Samuel Newman Chittenden, b. in Chelsea, Jan. 15, 1849, and have one child, Roger Clapp. They live in Harvard Street, Dorchester District, and he carries on, with a brother, the Mt. Bowdoin Market.

212. AZUBAH CAPEN,[6] b. Nov. 1, 1808. She lived with and took care of her aged father until his death in 1846; since which time she has lived with her brother David in South Boston.

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EBENEZER[5] (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Pierce) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, April 23, 1732; died Jan. 29, 1802. He married first, Dec. 11, 1755, Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon Richard, and granddaughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Clapp No. 35 of ROGER), Hall. She died Feb. 17, 1779, and he married, second, May 13, 1779, Mary, daughter of Enoch Glover, of Dorchester. In consequence of the death of her son Eleazer, by suicide, in a fit of derangement, her feelings were so wrought upon as to completely unnerve and bewilder her, and five days after her son's death, Sept. 2, 1817, she also committed suicide. His first wife was about 17 years old when married, and his second wife about 18 years. Mr. Clapp lived and died in the house built by his father a short time previous to his death, the house being situated in what is now Willow Court, near the old Causeway road leading from Dorchester to South Boston. He was chosen Colonel of the Militia, and his military title served to distinguish him from the other Ebenezers of the family.* Col. Clapp was a remarkably active man in business, and the owner of a large amount of real estate, including probably 300 acres of land. After his decease, this land greatly increased in value, and made some of his children quite wealthy. It is believed his estate was the largest ever rendered in, to the Norfolk Co. Probate Court, up to the time of his death in 1802. He presented the town of Dorchester an elegant clock, which was first placed in the meeting-house that was pulled down in 1817, then removed to the town-house, and on the annexation of the town to Boston, it became the property of that city. From the town-records of Dorchester for the year 1770, the following vote of acknowledgment for the present is taken:

"Whereas, Mr. Ebenezer Clapp has been so generous as to make the town a present of a clock and to place it in the meeting-house,

"Voted, That the thanks of this town be given him for his valuable and handsome present, which is an ornament to the meeting-house, and exceeds in value any present made the town since the proprietors gave the town a bell for the meeting-house; and that this vote of thanks be carefully recorded for the perpetual remembrance of his gift."

* Early in 1775 the officers of the militia generally resigned rather than hold commissions under the king. Those in whom the people had confidence were rechosen, receiving commissions from the Continental Congress, and Col. Clapp was thus rechosen, March 7th of that year.

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The following notices of Col. Clapp are from an interesting sketch drawn up by Daniel W. Baker, Esq., and published in the Boston *Daily Globe* of April 26, 1875.

"Colonel Clapp was several times elected a Selectman of the town, and during a considerable portion of his life was the largest taxpayer. This distinction he valued, and remonstrated with the assessors upon one occasion for having rated one of his townsmen higher than himself. It was hardly to be expected that human nature in an assessor could withstand that kind of an appeal. The error was rectified, and thereafter the Colonel stood at the head of the list.* His extensive farming operations, together with the business of tanning which he also carried on, required the labor of a large number of persons, and it is said that nearly every laboring man in town at one time or another was employed by him. Work in dull as well as busy times was generally to be had at his place for fair wages, and in this way he ever befriended the poor in the manner most satisfactory to themselves.

"If partial to titular distinctions, he seems to have been of democratic sympathies, as this anecdote may illustrate: Late one summer night the accustomed quietude of the farmhouse was disturbed and the Colonel aroused from slumber by strange noises in the kitchen. Neither considerations of burglars nor of the toilet suggested any special delay for preparation, and accordingly the owner appeared at once upon the scene, demanding with some degree of wrath to know the occasion of so much untimely noise. The two farm hands whom he found standing before a roaring fire in the kitchen, explained that they had been detained late at work, and thinking to have something to eat before retiring, had roasted a joint from the pantry. The steaming dish had just reached the table, and its pleasant aroma had already sensibly mollified the irate Colonel. Without waiting for further explanation or apology, he allowed that the meat was savory, and said he would join them in the feast. The Colonel carved and did the honors, and the three sat down to a fraternal midnight meal.

"With his accustomed liberality he reciprocated the honor of the Colonelcy when conferred upon him, in a manner regarded appropriate then, and not altogether out of fashion yet. The regiment was paraded, and after the usual field exercises was marched to his mansion, where, upon the green in front, a collation was spread and a quarter cask of brandy was unheaded, which, with the inevitable farm-house cider, made a very pleasant entertainment.

"Attendance upon public worship was part of the recognized duty of citizenship in those days, wherein due regard was had for dignity of appearance. The Colonel's conveyance to the meeting-house was a coach and pair, an equipage of rarity then, and of some distinction till within a comparatively recent period. Tolerant of the exuberant fashions of the day, he is described by a contemporary yet living as wearing an ample coat of broadcloth, with ruffled wristers, a scarlet embroidered waistcoat, breeches and stockings of silk, and shoes ornamented with large silver buckles; and he is remembered by our informant as prominent among the worthies of the assembly."

* Not far from the time of the above occurrence, the assessors of Dorchester were annoyed by a complaint of a different nature, and one corresponding more nearly to those which have ever since been common in assessors' offices. Another wealthy land owner of the town objected strongly to the large amount of his taxes. Not being able to prevail upon the proper authorities to reduce it, he sold his property, moved into a neighboring locality, where he spent the remainder of his life, and at his death bequeathed the bulk of his estate for the benefit of the people among whom he died.

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Children of Col. EBENEZER and 1st wife ELIZABETH (HALL) CLAPP:

213. EBENEZER,[6] b. March 19, 1757; d. June 11, 1763.

214. HANNAH,[6] b. March 19, 1759; d. Oct. 21, 1819; m. first, Sept. 21, 1778, Henry Gardner, Esq., of Stow, Mass., for several years treasurer of the State of Massachusetts, having been appointed to that office by the Sons of Liberty as early as 1774, the Hon. Harrison Gray being then the treasurer under the Crown. Dorchester was one of the earliest towns which voted to pay its province tax into the hands of Mr. Gardner instead of Mr. Gray. Henry and Hannah Gardner had two sons, Henry and Joseph, both of them doctors of medicine. Henry graduated at Harvard College in 1798, studied medicine with Dr. John Warren, but never practised. He held many offices of trust in Dorchester, where he lived, was often moderator at town meetings, represented the town in the General Court several years, was Senator from Norfolk County three years, and a member of the State Convention of 1820. He d. June 19, 1858. Hon. Henry J. Gardner, ex-Governor of Mass., is his son. Joseph was a graduate of Harvard in 1802, practised medicine in Dorchester, and d. in 1809. After the death of her husband, Hannah married, second, Dec. 28, 1784, Rev. Moses Everett,* of Dorchester, being his third wife, and eight children were born to them.

Children of Col. EBENEZER and 2d wife MARY (GLOVER) CLAPP:

215. POLLY,[6] b. Feb. 20, 1780; d. Dec. 10, 1799, unmarried.

216. EBENEZER,[6] b. Aug. 20, 1781; d. May 18, 1821. He was never married. For a number of years, he carried on the Lowder farm, so called, in Dorchester, a little west of Meeting-house Hill, on what is now Bowdoin Street. The farm was subsequently owned by Bradish Billings. Ebenezer died at the Island of St. Thomas, where he had gone to transact some business.

217. ELIZABETH,[6] b. Sept. 10, 1782; m. June 30, 1802, James Howe, of Dorchester, who d. Aug. 27, 1830. They had two children, Eliza Ann and James Theodore, the former of whom m. Edward Pierce, the latter Martha N. Jenkins, both of Dorchester. James

* Moses Everett was born in Dedham, July 15, 1759. He was admitted to the College at Cambridge, and received his first degree in 1771. His education had been with a view to the profession of a Christian Minister, which, on leaving College, he adopted. When the Church in Dorchester became vacant by the dismission of Mr. Bowman, he was invited to preach there; and, Sept. 28th, 1774, was ordained to the pastoral charge of that town, then consisting of one parish. He remained in this ministry eighteen years, and performed the duties of it to the satisfaction and improvement of his people. At the end of that period, the declining state of his health compelled him to relinquish the office, and in the year 1793 he requested and obtained a dismission. The next year after he left the pulpit, he was elected one of the Representatives of Dorchester in the General Court. Afterwards he received a commission of Justice of the Peace, was made Special Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of Norfolk County, and in the year 1808 was appointed to fill the vacancy on the bench of that Court, occasioned by the death of his brother, Oliver Everett, Esq. In this situation he acted with integrity and ability, and held it till the abolition of the Court. He died March 25, 1813, in his 63d year. Judge Everett's house, probably built by himself, is still standing, and has for many years been owned and occupied by the widow of Nathaniel W. Appleton. It is situated on Pleasant Street, in Dorchester, near Savin Hill Avenue, and nearly opposite the site of the old Gov. Stoughton mansion. The venerable button-wood trees which so long were conspicuous and ornamental objects in the street in front of the house, were removed after the annexation of Dorchester to Boston, on occasion of the widening of Pleasant Street. Judge Everett was uncle to the Hon. Edward Everett.

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Howe and family occupied the ancient house in Willow Court, where Mrs. H.'s father lived and died. After Mr. Howe's death, his widow occupied it till her death, which took place Nov. 25, 1868, and it has since been occupied by her son James Theodore.

218. LEMUEL,[6] b. June 2, 1784; d. June 11, 1866, aged 82 years. He was never married; he lived with his sister, Mrs. Howe, and improved the land inherited from his father. He left directions, before his death, for the erection of a marble monument to the memory of his father, Col. Ebenezer Clapp, which has since been erected, at an expense of upwards of $500, in the old Dorchester burying-ground, and is an elegant and appropriate structure.

219. ELEAZER,[6] b. Aug. 18, 1786; d. as already mentioned, Aug. 27, 1817. He graduated at Harvard College in 1807, studied medicine, and practised as a physician in Dorchester.

220. BENJAMIN,[6] b. July 17, 1788; d. Oct. 12, 1789.

+221. ENOCH,[6] b. Aug. 6, 1790.

222. ANN,[6] b. Dec. 8, 1792; m. April 4, 1811, Alexander Balch, who d. July 5, 1812, aged 26 years. They had one child, Ann A., b. Feb. 4, 1813, about seven months after the death of her father, and married, in 1834, Francis D. Kidder. Mrs. Balch married second, Jan. 10, 1819, John Wheeler, and had seven children—John W., d. July 6, 1837, aged 18, Alexander W., James H., Elisha C., Frederick L., Elizabeth E. and Harriet F. Mrs. Wheeler is now dead.

223. BENJAMIN,[6] b. Jan. 16, 1795; d. Nov. 9, 1861; m. in 1840, Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Pierce, of Dorchester. In early life he was in mercantile business, which he relinquished, and afterwards lived upon the income of the property left him by his father. He resided on Adams Street, Dorchester. Children:

224. *Mary Elizabeth*,[7] b. March 8, 1841; d. of consumption, Jan. 6, 1844.

225. *Benjamin*,[7] b. July 12, 1842. He is in the leather business in Boston.

226. *Elizabeth Anna*,[7] b. March, 1844; m. Sept. 26, 1867, George T. Andrew. They have two children: George Clapp and Benjamin Clapp.

227. *Ebenezer*,[7] b. Dec. 14. 1846; d. Sept. 19, 1848.

228. *Stephen Pierce*,[7] b. March 10, 1854; d. Feb. 27, 1864; he was a young lad of great promise.

229. ELISHA,[6] b. Oct. 22, 1796; d. Aug. 8, 1823, aged 27 years. It is believed he was in business awhile in Baltimore.

230. AMASA,[6] b. Jan. 14, 1799; d. Dec. 29, 1874. He was unmarried; lived in Boston the early part of his life, but for many years before death resided in his native town, the last part of the time in Mt. Vernon Street, in the northerly part of the town, on land which for many generations was the property of his ancestors. With some eccentricities, he possessed many virtues,* was honest and upright in all his dealings with others, and was endeared to

* As an illustration of the kind-heartedness of Amasa, the following little incident may be related. An elderly woman of Dorchester was for many years in the habit of distilling herbs, &c., and carrying baskets of bottles filled with the distilled liquids afoot over the turnpike to the Boston market. One heavy basket on each arm was her accustomed load. The writer of this note, once travelling the same road, some distance behind, saw Amasa overtake the old lady, and taking both her baskets from her, carry them himself a considerable

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a large circle of connections and friends. He had long been known as a noted horseman, and in the course of his life had trained several horses to perform very remarkable tricks at his command. He was also an ingenious artificer in wood-work. The affection which marriage probably would have fixed upon other objects, he freely bestowed upon animals, and the death of one of his favorite horses is supposed to have hastened his own decease. As showing the tendency and strength of his feelings in this direction, it may be mentioned that in his will he bequeathed $5000 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. During the sickness preceding his death, which confined him to his house nearly three years, he exhibited exemplary patience and Christian resignation. He was the last but one of his family, his brother Enoch, of Philadelphia, alone now remaining.

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LEMUEL[5] (*Ebenezer*,[4] *Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), third son of Ebenezer, Jr., and Hannah (Pierce) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, April 9, 1735, and died Dec. 29, 1819. He married, first, Dec. 11, 1760, Susanna Capen, of Dorchester, who died March 6, 1767, aged 26 years. They were married the same day his sister Ann was married to Noah Clapp (No. 29). He married, second, Nov. 3, 1768, Rebecca, third daughter of Rev. Samuel Dexter, of Dedham. Lemuel was a Captain in the Revolutionary War, and his company was on duty for several of its first years at Dorchester Heights, Noddle's Island, and other places near by. The enlistments for this service were short, a few months at a time, and sometimes less, and his company, therefore, often changed its members. Sometimes there were quite a number of the Dorchester Clapps in its ranks. He was a tanner by trade, and carried on the business on the old Causeway road, near the corner of what is now Willow Court. His house was in the same court, and was enlarged and elegantly fitted up by him from the small one originally built by ROGER, and referred to on page 4. He was a man of energy and decision, and much respected in the town. His wife, Rebecca, survived him, and died May 31, 1823, aged 84.

Children of Capt. LEMUEL and 1st wife SUSANNAH (CAPEN) CLAPP:

231. SUSANNA,[6] b. Nov. 2, 1761; d. Dec. 10, 1761.
232. LEMUEL,[6] b. Aug. 5, 1763; d. April 5, 1783.
233. EDWARD,[6] b. Jan. 24, 1765; d. Dec. 16, 1790. Began to learn the trade of shoe-making, but relinquished it and worked with his father in the tanning business, and continued in it till he died.

Children of Capt. LEMUEL and 2d wife REBECCA (DEXTER) CLAPP:

234. SAMUEL,[6] b. Oct. 1, 1769; d. Jan. 1, 1770.

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Supposed site of Roger Clapp's first house ; rebuilt and enlarged by Capt. Lemuel Clapp, in 1767.

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235. EBENEZER,[6] b. Oct. 8, 1770; d. Mar. 13, 1806; m. Nov. 12, 1795, Abigail Glover Clapp, dau. of Joseph Clapp, of Dorchester. He built the house now standing on the east side of Boston Street, nearly opposite Willow Court, then the most northerly house on the old Causeway road leading to the Neck. He inherited from his father much land in the neighborhood. His widow occupied the house after his decease and died there. Children:

236. *Abigail*,[7] b. in Dorchester, Sept. 13, 1796; d. Jan. 7, 1829, aged 32 years. She m. Oct. 29, 1822, Josiah Adams, of Salem. She left several children.

237. *Catharine Barnard*,[7] b. in Dorchester, Nov. 21, 1797; d. in Dorchester, April 3, 1870. She m. first, June 17, 1839, John W. Harris, of Boston, who d. April 3, 1843, leaving one child. They lived in her parents' house, on Boston Street. She m. second, March 25, 1845, James Blake,* the former husband of her deceased sister Polly, and lived with him in Newton. Afterwards, they resided in Dorchester, where she d. April 3, 1870, and where he now lives.

238. *Polly*,[7] b. in Dorchester, July 8, 1799; d. in Boston, Jan. 9, 1840; m. Sept. 6, 1825, James Blake, of Boston, afterwards husband to her sister Catharine B. She left several children.

239. REBECCA,[6] b. Nov. 13, 1771; d. Nov. 13, 1772.

240. JASON,[6] b. Sept 20, 1773; d. Dec. 8, 1852, aged 79 years. He was extensively engaged in early life in mercantile business in Boston, his business occasionally calling him to Europe, where his stays were sometimes prolonged. He then removed to Addison, Me., where he had a store. His last days were spent in Dorchester. He is recollected as upright in his dealings, very gentlemanly in his manners, and precise and fashionable in his dress. When somewhat advanced in life, in the fall of 1829, he married Louisa M. Hutchins, of Maine. She died in 1830, to his very great grief, leaving one child:

241. *Sophronia Louisa*,[7] b. Aug. 7, 1830; m. Albert W. Bee, of New York State, who had an interest in some of the silver mines of Nevada. They lived most of their married life in California. He was connected with many of the public and private improvements in that part of the country, but was taken away in the prime of his life in 1863. His widow was afterwards employed in a responsible situation in the U. S. mint in San Francisco, and large amounts of the precious metals passed through her hands. She has journeyed several times to and from that State, and has therefore had much experience as a traveller. She is now residing at the eastward. She has two children living.

242. RICHARD,[6] b. Oct. 15, 1774; d. Sept. 20, 1775.

243. ELISHA,[6] b. June 25, 1776; d. Oct. 22, 1830. He early showed a love of study and a capacity for literary pursuits, and was therefore indulged in his wish to obtain a liberal education. He

* James Blake, son of Thomas and Mary (Barnard) Blake, was born in Boston, Sept. 6, 1798. He was formerly a tallow chandler, and was in partnership with his father for many years before his father's death, which took place in 1840. The houses of the father and son were at the south end of Boston, on Washington Street, and joined each other. In 1843 he settled up the business in Boston, and has since, in the enjoyment of a well-earned competency, lived in comparative retirement.

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was fitted for College at one of the Dorchester schools, and in 1793 entered Harvard University, at the age of 17. He graduated in 1797, having borne a highly respectable rank in the institution, and was afterwards elected Tutor of Greek, which office he held two years. He then devoted himself to a preparation for the ministry, and having preached for a short time, received a call to settle at Fitchburg in 1804. Owing to a want of harmony in the society, he thought proper to decline the call, and afterwards became Principal of the Sandwich Academy, carrying with him eminent qualifications as a teacher, and placing that academy, during the twelve years he remained at its head, among the best classical schools in the State. He then removed to Boston, at the solicitation of several gentlemen, whose sons he undertook to educate. He continued to act in the capacity of teacher for many years, until declining health compelled him to relinquish the employment. His leisure time he devoted to astronomy, which was his favorite science, and he was honored by being elected a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences and of the Massachusetts Historical Society. In 1825, he married Mary, oldest daughter of Hon. Robert Treat Paine, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, with whom he lived, but without issue, till 1830, his death taking place on the 22d of October in that year. For some years previous to this event his health had been gradually failing, so that he had been obliged to resort to warmer climates for its restoration, but without success.

He appears to have contemplated publishing an account of the Clapps, from the first settlers to his day, and for that purpose he collected a great number of facts, and the names of most of them in the male line. By the kindness of his widow, those papers were loaned to the author of the present work, and were of great service in its preparation. A few weeks after the loan of these papers, Mrs. Clapp died, Feb. 27, 1842. She was a woman very much beloved by all who knew her. The following account of her life and character appeared in a newspaper a few days subsequent to her death:

"Mrs. Mary Clapp, the widow of Elisha Clapp, Esq., and daughter of the late Judge Paine (Robert T.), whose decease occurred in this city on the 27th ult., deserves a further notice than the mere obitnary record of her death. Mrs. Clapp lived not for herself, but for the comfort of others; her whole life and fortune seemed to be devoted to alleviate the suffering poor and the distresses of the afflicted, whether of body or mind. She was purely exemplary, plain and prudent in her dress and domestic arrangements, that she might have more to give to objects of charity. She was emphatically the friend of the poor and needy; none visited her in vain, and none retired from her hospitable mansion without a more cheerful heart, for she was peculiarly capacitated to disburthen the most desponding mind. However heavy laden, she was always ready and equal to the task; feelings of sympathy and benevolence would soothe and overpower the greatest human anguish. The circle in which her father moved, for many years Judge on the supreme bench of the

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Courts in Massachusetts, brought her in contact with some of the most gifted minds in the Commonwealth, and her society has been sought by the learned and the good; and thus, while she was made to impart gladness to the poor and dejected, she was ready to entertain the more learned and affluent, and equally at home with all."

244. STEPHEN,[6] b. Sept. 9, 1777; d. July 11, 1778.

+245. WILLIAM,[6] b. March 3, 1779; d. Feb. 29, 1860, aged 80 years.

+246. RICHARD,[6] b. July 24, 1780; d. Dec. 26, 1861, aged 81 years.

247. CATHARINE,[6] b. April 17, 1782; d. unm. Feb. 21, 1872, in her 90th year. She retained her mental faculties to the last, reading her bible and other good books daily, without glasses, which through her long life she never used; was a worthy woman, of the old puritan stamp; lived and died in the house in Willow Court, occupied by her father during his life. The house, after her death, as elsewhere mentioned, passed into the hands of her nephews, Frederick and Lemuel.

248. REBECCA,[6] b. March 6, 1784; d. unm., Dec. 11, 1855. She lived with her sister in Willow Court. Her intellectual powers were of a high order. She took an active interest in all the passing events of the day, and her company was much sought after and prized by relatives and friends. Though for many years a great sufferer, passing hours of weariness and pain, her conversation abounded with good sense and often with wit and humor. She retained her natural sprightliness and cheerfulness till nearly the close of life.

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NATHANIEL[5] (*Nathaniel,*[4] *Ebenezer,*[3] *Nathaniel,*[2] *Nicholas*[1]), second son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Howe) Clapp, was born April 22, 1744, and died Oct. 11, 1823. He married, first, April 3, 1769, Eunice Bird, born June 9, 1743, died June 4. 1770, the daughter of Thomas Bird. He married, second, Nov. 14, 1782, Hannah Wheeler. He lived in a house now standing, on Boston Street, a few rods north of the old entrance to Dea. Jonathan Clapp's house, and about the same distance south from the Five Corners, and his land made one of those corners. This land, and the house spoken of, are still in the hands of Nathaniel's descendants, and the land has been in possession of the family from very early times, probably from the settlement of the town. He was a tanner by trade, and his yard was a short distance back of his house—the place being long since filled up.

Child of NATHANIEL and 1st wife EUNICE (Bird) CLAPP:

249. EUNICE,[6] b. May 25, 1770; m. Caleb Williams, of Dorchester, and lived in the old Blake house, now standing in the north part of that town, the entrance to which was by a passage way, leading from what is now Cottage Street, not many rods northwest from the Five Corners. Since the destruction of the old Minot house by fire in 1873, this is now supposed to be the

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most ancient house in the old town of Dorchester. It is said to have been built previous to 1650, by Elder James Blake, who m. Elizabeth (No. 2 of EDWARD) Clapp in 1652, was Deacon and Ruling Elder of the Dorchester Church about twenty-five years, and d. June 28, 1700, aged 77 years. In the "Blake Family" book, published in 1857, a wood-cut illustration of the house is given, and its appearance is little altered since. Caleb Williams and Eunice[6] (Clapp) Williams had two children who lived to grow up—Caleb and Charles, and the widow of the former now occupies the ancient house here spoken of.*

Children of NATHANIEL and 2d wife HANNAH (Wheeler) CLAPP:

250. NATHANIEL,[6] b. Dec. 21, 1783; d. Nov. 4, 1847. He graduated at Harvard College in 1805, and for a while kept the Grammar School in the north part of Dorchester. Afterwards, for a long series of years, he was book-keeper in the Tremont Bank in State Street, Boston. He lived in a house built by his father, and now standing, on the westerly side of Dorchester Avenue, near its junction with Boston Street (then the Dorchester and Milton Turnpike and the old Causeway road, and opposite the Turnpike toll-house), where he dwelt many years, and where he died, aged 64. He m. Mary, dau. of Joshua Gardner; she d. April 9, 1847. Children:

251. *Louisa*,[7] b. Dec. 29, 1810; d. Oct. 8, 1837; m. Nov. 10, 1831, Benjamin F. Hathorne. They lived in the house opposite her father's on the easterly side of the Turnpike (Dorchester Avenue), now standing, enlarged and modernized, and occupied by Alderman James Power. She died in her 27th year, leaving Henry W., Mary L. and Benjamin F. The latter was in the 14th Reg't, Co. C, Mass. Vols., in the War of the Rebellion, and d. of fever, Dec. 23, 1862, a. 25 yrs.

252. *Joshua Gardner*,[7] b. Jan. 25, 1812; m. June 3, 1839, Lucy Anna Greene—a member of the family in Warwick, R. I., into which Silas Clapp married about the middle of the last century (see Part V. of this "Memorial"). Joshua G. has been a merchant in Boston most of his life; has resided

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* In the early part of the present century, this house was the secluded residence of two aged sisters, Miss Rachel Blake and Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Fairn. Mr. Fairn married, first, May 8, 1753, Mindwell Clapp (No. 86 of ROGER), who died March 17, 1767, in the 41st year of her age; he married, second, Nov. 24, 1768, Dorcas Davenport, who died Sept. 22, 1780, in her 48th year; he married, third, May 22, 1781, Elizabeth Blake, dau. of John and Abigail Blake, who died Jan. 8, 1817, aged 85 years. He died March 14, 1795, in the 63d year of his age. It is a singular coincidence that Mr. F. and his second and third wives were each born in the year 1732. The two sisters, above named, lie buried near each other in the old Dorchester burying-ground, with the following epitaphs:

In Memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH FAIRN,
Widow of
MR. DANIEL FAIRN,
Who died Jan. 8, 1817,
Aged 85 years.

How very few like me survive
And reach the age of eighty-five.
Long time I trod this vale of tears,
Till, bending with a weight of years,
I calmly sunk into the Grave,
Trusting Almighty Power to save.

MISS RACHEL BLAKE

Died Aug. 13, 1825,

Aged 84 years.

Serene I walked life's journey o'er
Till I arrived at eighty-four.
Then calm descended here to rest
In hopes to be forever blest.

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much of the time in Dorchester, but is now living in Boston. Children: **i.** *Gustavus William*,[8] b. March 19, 1840. **ii.** *Herman Greene*,[8] b. June 4, 1842. **iii.** *Lucy Ann*,[8] b. Nov. 16, 1844. **iv.** *Joshua G.*,[8] b. Jan. 13, 1847; d. Sept. 4, 1848. **v.** *Mary Gardner*,[8] b. July 2, 1849; m. Oct. 12, 1875, Emmet Robinson Olcott, a member of the New York bar. **vi.** *Amelia Rebecca*,[8] b. Feb. 28, 1852.

253. *Adaline Maria*,[7] b. April 3, 1815; d. Sept. 16, 1864; m. July 26, 1836, Edward I. Sheldon, and lived in New York. They had children—Edward G., Mary A. and Walter M., the latter of whom was killed in the first battle of Bull Run, in the War of the Rebellion, when he was 16 years of age.

254. *Gustavus William*,[7] b. March 25, 1817; m. Jane Graham, of New York. His wife died, and in 1873 he was living in San Francisco.

255. *Mary Elizabeth*,[7] b. Feb. 16, 1819. Married, first, Dec. 25, 1837, Henry W. Ridgeway, and had Henry Gustavus, b. Sept. 18, 1838; d. Dec. 22, 1844. She m. second, Aug. 3, 1852, Henry Coutes Briggs, and had: Ellen Amelia, b. March 20, 1853, d. Feb. 16, 1854; Henry Coutes, b. Feb. 16, 1855; Mary Ella, b. July 19, 1858; Henrietta Gardner, b. Jan. 31, 1861; Herman Greene, b. Dec. 6, 1863.

256. *Catharine Gardner*,[7] b. Aug. 21, 1821; d. unm., Jan. 31, 1861.

257. *Francis Henry*,[7] b. Dec. 17, 1824; m. first, Ellen C., dau. of William B. Fowle, Esq., of Boston, who d. in Detroit, Mich., Oct. 7, 1866, aged 38 years, and had: **i.** *Ellen Clara*,[8] b. Aug. 4, 1850. **ii.** *Mary Antoinette*,[8] b. March 28, 1852; d. Jan. 26, 1868. **iii.** *Anna Whittlesey*,[8] b. Sept. 6, 1855; d. Dec. 25, 1859. He m. second, Adaline Lewis, of Lansing, Mich. They are now living in Detroit, Mich. He has been connected with the Michigan Central Railroad for the past twenty-five years.

258. *Amelia Rebecca*,[7] b. Dec. 28, 1827; m. July 21, 1853, Joseph Frye. Mr. Frye carries on an extensive carriage manufactory in South Boston. They live in Washington Village, and have one child, Francis Henry, b. Nov. 15, 1857, grad. from English High School, Boston, with high honors.

259. NANCY,[6] b. May 23, 1789; d. May 17, 1864, in her 75th year. She m. Joseph Ward Bird, of Dorchester, who d. Feb. 17, 1851. They lived in Dorchester, and had six children: Amasa, bapt. May 6, 1810; d. Aug. 30, 1811. Charles, b. June 2, 1811; d. March 8, 1831. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 16, 1814; m. Feb. 16, 1830, Daniel Odiorne, Jr., of Eliot, Me. Emeline, b. July 3, 1816; m. Feb. 17, 1839, Daniel Hayes. Catharine, b. Dec. 1, 1820, m. June 2, 1840, Francis N. Whitney. Amasa, b. Dec. 3, 1824; m. May 20, 1860, Clarissa Greenwood.

260. MOSES,[6] b. Feb. 16, 1796; d. unm. in 1821. He was a young man of good moral qualities; one of the constables of the town; he was stout and rugged, a first-rate gunner, and in one of his fox-hunting excursions, two fingers were accidentally shot from his right hand by his comrade, Jacob Beals. He resided with his father until his death.

261. HANNAH,[6] b. Aug. 15, 1799; m. Feb. 2, 1823, Josiah Kingsbury,

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of Boston. They lived in the house with her father. Mr. Kingsbury died, June 21, 1832, leaving two daughters: Martha, b. Jan. 12, 1824; m. Jan. 4, 1852, Andrew Sumner. Caroline Augusta, b. Nov. 14, 1825; m. Sept. 9, 1845, John H. Sumner. Mrs. Kingsbury m. second, Jan. 10, 1833, Josiah Foster, of Dorchester, a descendant of the Fosters of Scituate. They had one child, a son, who d. at the age of three or four years. Hannah[6] d. May 4, 1856.

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SAMUEL[5] (*Nathaniel,*[4] *Ebenezer,*[3] *Nathaniel,*[2] *Nicholas*[1]), third son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Howe) Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born in Dorchester, July 13, 1745, and died Jan. 22, 1823. He married, first, June 14, 1770, Elizabeth Foster; married, second, Dec. 13, 1811, Hannah, daughter of Deacon Edward Pierce, of Dorchester. He held various town offices; was one of the Selectmen, with Ebenezer Wales and Deacon Ebenezer Clapp, during the second war with England—they being the Republican candidates at a time when party spirit ran high and was carried into municipal as well as national elections much more than at present.

Children of SAMUEL and 1st wife ELIZABETH (Foster) CLAPP:

262. SAMUEL,[6] b. Sept. 20, 1771; d. Aug. 21, 1834. He m. first, May 22, 1800, Sarah Tolman, b. July 13, 1767, who d. of a cancer; and he m. second, March 9, 1815, Susanna, dau. of Jonathan Holden, of Dorchester. He was a large, powerful man, and carried on the brick-making business on the old Lower Road (now Adams Street). Children by first wife:
    263. *Mary Ann H.*,[7] b. Feb. 19, 1801; m. March 17, 1829, Simeon Wheeler.
    264. *James*,[7] b. March 27, 1802; d. Feb. 27, 1875; m. March 10, 1829, Sarah Lewis. He was a carpenter by trade, and lived in Dorchester. Children: **i.** *Samuel*,[8] b. March 6, 1843; m. Dec. 24, 1868, Martha A. Fowler, and has: (1) *Martha F.*,[9] b. Sept. 19, 1869; (2) *George F.*,[9] b. March 26, 1871. **ii.** *Elizabeth*,[8] b. Nov. 15, 1845; m. in 1863, James Burr, of Quincy, Mass. **iii.** *James L.*,[8] b. June 28, 1848. **iv.** *Timothy F.*,[8] b. June 10, 1850.
    265. *Sarah*,[7] b. Oct. 4, 1803; m. Dec. 15, 1822, Sylvester Wheeler.
    266. *Elizabeth*,[7] b. Feb. 14, 1805; m. March 28, 1833, Stephen Stimpson, of Malden, and has children.
    267. *Harriet*,[7] b. Dec. 16, 1806; m. April 19, 1835, John N. Reed, of Dorchester, and has children.
    268. *Caroline*,[7] b. May 29, 1808; d. July 6, 1814.
    269. *Lucy*,[7] b. Oct. 3, 1810; d. Oct. 22, 1811.

    Children by second wife:

    270. *Susanna B.*,[7] b. June 16, 1816; d. Sept. 12, 1817.
    271. *Susanna B.*,[7] b. Sept. 8, 1817; m. Nov. 2, 1839, William Gordon, and has children.
    272. *Samuel Adams*,[7] b. Aug. 29, 1819; now dead; a cabinet-maker;

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m. Aug. 28, 1850, Mercy Nickerson; had two children;

273. *Caroline*,[7] b. May 5, 1821; m. first, in 1843, Charles Woodard, and lived in Maine; m. second, Charles Leeds.

274. *Timothy*,[7] b. Sept 24, 1822. A tin-plate worker. He lives in Stoughton; m. ..... Nickerson, and has children.

275. Jemima,[6] b. Feb. 13, 1774; m. Jonathan Edminster, of Malden, and had a large family of children. Mr. Edminster d. in 1840.

276. Timothy,[6] b. March 28, 1777; d. about Aug. 1, 1852. He m. first, Feb. 18, 1806, Deborah Wait, who d. Aug. 14, 1828; m. second, April 7, 1829, Sarah Wait. They lived in Malden. Children by first wife:

277. *Abigail D.*,[7] b. July 17, 1807; m. May 10, 1831, Samuel Drown, and had children; father, mother and children dead.

278. *James*,[7] b. July 20, 1810; d. Sept. 20, 1810.

279. *Samuel H.*,[7] b. Nov. 5, 1813; m. Nov. 29, 1836, Susan Pierce. Live in Everett. Children: **i.** *Edward Everett*,[8] b. in 1837; lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. In the War of the Rebellion, he was Captain in a Pennsylvania regiment, and was killed on one of the battlefields. He was first shot in the wrist, and was urged to go to the rear, but he refused, saying that his post of duty was with his company; very soon after a ball passed through his head, killing him instantly. He was greatly beloved by his business and social friends, and, on his departure with his regiment, a military outfit was presented to him by his Sunday-School scholars. **ii.** *Sarah E.*,[8] b. in 1839; m. Mr. Whittier. **iii.** *Adeline P.*,[8] b. in 1841; m. Mr. Atkins. **iv.** *Lucy Jane*.[8] **v.** *Abba Frances*.[8] **vi.** *Harriet Augusta*.[8]

280. *Isaac*,[7] b. May 24, 1823; m. May 30, 1847, Elizabeth Rebecca Spofford, who was b. March 20, 1823, and d. Jan. 18, 1873, aged 49 years. He lives in Chelsea, Mass., and has five children: **i.** *Albion R.*[8] (adopted), b. July 29, 1843; m. Sept. 12, 1867, Mary W. Underhill; he is now one of the firm of Billings, Clapp & Co., manufacturing chemists and publishers of the *Boston Journal of Chemistry*; they are living in Grantville, and have: (1) *Irma M.*,[9] b. July 10, 1871; (2) *Albion B.*,[9] b. May 21, 1874. **ii.** *Emogene E.*,[8] b. April 26, 1850; d. Sept. 24, 1850. **iii.** *Mary Jane*,[8] b. March 5, 1851; d. Sept. 5, 1854. **iv.** *Lizzie A.*,[8] b. June 22, 1856. **v.** *Frank W.*,[8] b. Feb. 26, 1859.

281. *Elizabeth F.*,[7] b. Feb. 11, 1826; m. and had two children.

282. Elizabeth,[6] b. Jan. 11, 1780; d. July 5, 1805; m. Nov. 15, 1803, Edward Pierce, Jr.* of Dorchester, who d. Sept. 2, 1805, aged 36 years, thus both dying within the same year. They left one child: Edward, b. Sept. 3, 1804; m. Dec. 13, 1832, Eliza Ann, dau. of James and Elizabeth (Clapp No. 217) Howe, of Dorchester; Eliza A. d. Oct. 22, 1847, a. 42, having had seven children, three of them now living; Edward resides on Adams Street,

* Son of Deacon Edward Pierce, who was a very worthy citizen of Dorchester, born May 5, 1735. Dea. Edward Pierce was the contractor for enlarging the meeting-house of the First Parish, on Meeting-house Hill, in 1795. He was to divide the building along the ridge-pole, move one half of it fourteen feet and the tower and steeple seven feet, and unite the two halves by new material, thereby making thirty new pews inside, which he was to have the disposal of in payment for the work. This was accomplished to the satisfaction of the parish, and he himself was so well remunerated that he voluntarily put on two coats of paint outside, in addition to what was required of him by the contract.

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Dorchester District; has held many important trusts in the town; has been assistant assessor, book-keeper of the 1st National Bank of Dorchester, and for many years was treasurer of the Dorchester Savings Bank; he is now one of the executors in the settlement of the estate of Amasa Clapp (No. 230).

283. JAMES,[6] b. March 23, 1782; d. Feb. 18, 1800.

284. ISAAC,[6] b. Dec. 27, 1784; d. Jan. 28, 1861, aged 76 years. He m. Eliza Cook, who d. Nov. 1, 1854, without issue. An adopted daughter, Eliza T., lived with them—a young lady of considerable literary talent, and the authoress of a work which took high rank as a religious and metaphysical essay. He lived on the westerly side of Jones's Hill, near the corner of what is now Hancock and Stoughton Streets. The house which he built and lived in for more than 40 years has been re-modelled, and is now occupied by Micah Dyer, Jr., Esq. He early commenced business as a merchandize broker in Boston, carried it on successfully, and finally rose to high distinction as an upright, sagacious and trusty guide in all matters connected with commerce and finance. A remarkable trait in his character was the calm and deliberate manner in which he investigated matters of interest, and the unruffled spirit he manifested in every event he was called to pass through. He was reserved, almost taciturn in his daily intercourse, but his words were instructive and reliable. The following notice of him appeared in one of the Boston papers soon after his death: "Mr. Clapp was in the truest and broadest sense a merchant, in contradistinction from the mere tradesman. His eye swept the horizon of the commercial world, combining in its view that vast variety of data essential as the base for intelligent and successful enterprises. His mind had a native strength and steadiness of build, a breadth of vision, an intuitive insight of the connections and complexities of things, a sagacity and acuteness of observation, which, in other departments of activity, with appropriate culture and training, would have ensured him marked success. He was what he was in spite of a lack of educational advantages. The world was his university; mankind, nature, experience his teacher. During the fifty years that State Street and its neighborhood has known him as a constant and busy visitor, there is not one, it is believed, who can bear witness to aught in him unmanly or dishonorable; while with the sterner attributes of rectitude and justice were combined a generous judgment, a ready kindness, a forbearing gentleness, a winning amenity. His remarkable equanimity was greatly temperamental. And yet none could doubt that underlying and transfusing it was something of nobler than nature's birth. That equanimity, never failing, amidst however much to disturb or overcome it, assumed the dignity of a virtue, showed a footing on unfluctuating principle. His mind was not narrowed to the demands of his calling. He was more than a merchant. No department of human thought or activity was without interest to him. For agriculture he had a natural fondness, and practised it with a scientific skill. Though naturally conservative, he was most liberal in his judgments. Calmly tenacious of his own opinions, he gave candid audience to those of others. He was

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singularly unselfish; too much so for the pecuniary success his abilities and opportunities might have gained for him. With a manhood of noble cast—of which his outward presence was no unworthy type—he had a childlikeness of spirit, a tender-heartedness, a sweet lovingness, making love the inevitable return. His religion was rational, reverent, trustful, calm. His end was peace."

285. MOSES,[6] } b. April 8 and 9, 1791; { d. Sept. 28, 1791.
286. AARON,[6] } { d. Sept. 15, 1791.

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JOSEPH[5] (*Joseph*,[4] *Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), son of Joseph and Abigail (Dyer) Clapp, was born Oct. 24, 1751, and died Sept. 18, 1823, aged 72 years. He married, first, Oct. 14, 1773, Abigail Glover,* who died Oct. 3, 1775, in her 25th year. He married, second, Nov. 14, 1776, Abigail, daughter of Henry Humphreys, and sister of Deacon James Humphreys. She died May 11, 1831. Joseph Clapp built the house on Washington Street, in Dorchester, near the Second Congregational Church, which has ever since been in possession of the family.

Children of JOSEPH and 1st wife ABIGAIL (Glover) CLAPP:

†287. JOSEPH,[6] b. Aug. 10, 1774; d. June 14, 1852, aged 78.
288. ABIGAIL GLOVER,[6] b. Sept. 26, 1775; d. June 18, 1838. She m. Nov. 12, 1795, Ebenezer, son of Capt. Lemuel Clapp (No. 235). She lived in the house built by her husband in the north part of Dorchester, for many years one of the most northerly houses in the town. She was a woman of fine personal appearance, and a sincere and devout Christian. Her death was caused by a tumor, from which she suffered the most distressing pain, which was borne with great patience, and her end was peaceful.

Children of JOSEPH and 2d wife ABIGAIL (Humphreys) CLAPP:

289. WILLIAM,[6] b. March, 1778; d. April 12, 1786, aged 8 years.
290. SAMUEL DYER,[6] b. Nov. 4, 1779; d. March 29, 1823. He m. Nancy Daniels, who died April 5, 1831, aged 56 yrs.; no issue; they lived on Centre St., Dorchester.
291. HANNAH,[6] b. July 25, 1781; d. Feb. 1, 1784.
292. SALLY,[6] b. May 2, 1783; d. April 10, 1785.

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* In the Genealogical History of the Blake Family, a valuable little work compiled by the late Samuel Blake, of Dorchester, and published in 1857, we find the following reference to the marriage of several couples of Dorchester, and among them that of Joseph Clapp and Abigail Glover.

"Under the date of Sept. 18, 1773, there were four intentions of marriage entered in Mr. Noah Clapp's Book of Records. The parties were Increase Blake and Sarah Pierce, John Baker, jr. and Ann Pierce, Jonathan Blake and Sarah Pierce *tertia*, and Joseph Clapp, jr. and Abigail Glover. These four couple, on a pleasant day, the 14th of October following, met together and started off, with the plausible excuse of going a short distance into the country a chesnutting. But instead, they made their way to Quincy, and called at the mansion of the Hon. Samuel Quincy (an uncle of the present Hon. Josiah Quincy, sen.), who was a magistrate, and were all united in marriage by him at one time, and then they returned to their several homes. Two of the ladies were sisters, viz., Sarah Pierce and Ann Pierce, and Sarah Pierce *tertia* was cousin to Sarah and Ann. Some of the above mentioned party died early, and Mr. Jonathan Blake and his wife Sarah outlived all the others many years. She died in 1831, and her husband in 1836."

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293. HANNAH,[6] b. July 4, 1785; d. March 26, 1790.
294. WILLIAM,[6] b. Oct. 7, 1786; d. April 5, 1842. He lived in Lexington, Mass., but was buried in the old burying-ground in Dorchester. He m. June 30, 1808, Sarah, b. June 7, 1789, dau. of Francis and Susanna (Chamberlain) Bowman, of Lexington. Children:
    295. *William T.*,[7] b. Oct. 1, 1809; d. May 2, 1825.
    296. *Susan D.*,[7] m. J. M. Johnson, and live in Charlestown.
    297. *Isaac B.*,[7] m. July, 1841, Lydia S. Wellington, and lives in Maplewood. A dau. *Anna*[8] m. William McClauslin.
298. HENRY,[6] b. Oct. 13, 1788; d. Dec. 26, 1874; m. Oct. 12, 1812, Hannah Lemist, of Dorchester. They lived in Dorchester, in the house built by his father, on Washington St., near the church. He and his sister, Mrs. Hannah Tolman, were buried on the same day, Dec. 31, 1874. Children:
    299. *Joseph Henry*,[7] b. March 3, 1815. He lived in Dorchester, and was a manufacturer of block tin. He m. June 4, 1839, Lydia Clark.
    300. *Mary Ann*,[7] b. Nov. 6, 1817; d. July 4, 1818.
    301. *Elizabeth Ann*,[7] b. April 26, 1821; d. July 24, 1840.
    302. *Hannah Lemist*,[7] b. May 21, 1823.
303. JAMES,[6] b. April 20, 1790; d. March 28, 1860; m. June 18, 1816, Eliza Moore, of Boston, who d. in Dorchester, April, 1873. He was the first male member admitted, after its organization, to the Second Church in Dorchester. They moved to Boston, and in 1827 he was chosen Deacon of the Pine-Street Congregational Church. They afterwards returned to Dorchester, and he was active in every good work in the Village Church, in the upper part of that town. They subsequently lived in Roxbury, and he was connected with the Eliot Church there. Through life he took an active part in the temperance cause. He died in Dorchester, in the same house in which he was born, after a long and painful illness, and left the example of a life distinguished for fervent piety and a tender concern for the spiritual welfare of all with whom he was connected. A brief memoir of his life was published some time after his decease.
304. HANNAH,[6] b. Aug. 27, 1792; d. Dec. 28, 1874; m. Oct. 11, 1820, John Tolman, b. in 1793, and had four children: Abigail, m. Amasa Davenport; John; Hannah; James. They lived in Dorchester.
305. HARRIS,[6] b. May 31, 1794; d. July 11, 1795.
306. MARY ANN,[6] b. April, 1796; m. Oct. 11, 1820 (at the same time as her sister Hannah), Jonathan Hammond, and had three children: Joseph, James and Mary Ann. They lived in Dorchester; afterwards in Woburn, where Mrs. Hammond died in June, 1875.

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REUBEN[6] (*Asahel*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), second son of Asahel and Rebecca (Baker) Clapp, of Rutland, Mass., was born May 8, 1766, and died April 12, 1823. He married Hepzibah Gates, of Hubbardston, Mass., about the year 1790, and removed to Montgomery, Vt., in 1798.

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Children of REUBEN and HEPZIBAH (Gates) CLAPP:

+307. ASAHEL,[7] b. Oct. 5, 1792; d. Dec. 17, 1862.

308. JOHN L.,[7] b. in 1795; m. Lydia Hamilton, and lived in Montgomery, Vt., being Postmaster of that place more than 20 years, and resigned in 1842. Children:

309. *Nelson*,[8] b. Sept. 24, 1825; m. Abigail S. Clapp, dau. of Joshua (No. 136) Clapp, of Montgomery, and has *Mary*,[9] b. Sept. 14, 1851.

310. *Charles*,[8] b. Nov. 23, 1829; m. Rachel Head.

311. MATILDA,[7] m. William Dwyer.

312. EMILY,[7] unm.

313. MYRA,[7] d. young.

314. ROWLAND,[7] m. Martha Walcott. Children:

315. *Elizabeth*.[8]

316. *Asahel*.[8]

317. *Emily*.[8]

318. JONATHAN,[7] was killed by the falling of a tree when about 15 years old.

319. DANIEL,[7] b. in 1809; m. Maria Thompson. Children:

320. *William T.*,[8] b. April 12, 1838.

321. *Mary*,[8] } b. March 25, 1841, } d. Dec. 1841.

322. *Martha*,[8] }

323. *Edward P.*,[8] b. in 1844; d. in 1846.

324. *Charles A.*,[8] b. Dec. 15, 1845.

325. WILLIAM,[7] b. in 1811; d. in St. Albans, Vt., April 30, 1870. He was the Postmaster of East Berkshire, Vt., in 1843, afterwards Collector of the Customs in Vermont, and was Representative and Senator in the Vermont Legislature. He m. Emeline Rawson. Children:

326. *Emma*,[8] b. about 1841.

327. *William*,[8] b. in 1843.

328. SOPHIA,[7] m. in October, 1840, Theodore Watson, and lived in Waverly, Ill. She d. leaving five children.

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EBENEZER[6]* (*Ebenezer*,[5] *Noah*,[4] *Jonathan*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), fifth son of Ebenezer and Eunice (Pierce) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, April 24, 1809. Until he was about twenty-two years and six months old, he remained at home with his parents and worked in the tannery with his father, who, as previously stated, had carried on the business successfully for many years. His school education was received at the brick school-house, adjoining the old homestead. In the month of September, 1831, an opening was made for him, temporarily, in the Boston Custom House, to take the place of his cousin, Joshua Seaver, son of Ebenezer Seaver, Esq., of Roxbury, who was obliged, on account of ill health, to vacate for a time his position there. In June, 1832, Mr. Seaver, having returned from the South, resumed his duties at the Custom House, where he continued until the fall of that year, when he decided, for the benefit of his health, to go to the Island of Porto Rico. He embarked in a

* As Compiler of this Memorial of the Clapp Family, his own personal record has been left by him to the Committee of Publication, one of whom has prepared this brief sketch.

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vessel for that port, but never reached his place of destination. Intelligence was subsequently received that the vessel in which Mr. Seaver sailed drifted ashore at the Bermuda Islands. It was supposed to have capsized in a squall, and that all on board perished. The vessel belonged to Mr. James Brown, of Boston, and two of his sons were lost. Mr. Clapp succeeded Mr. Seaver, and received a commission as Inspector for the District of Boston and Charlestown, Aug. 31, 1833, David Henshaw being at that time the Collector. Mr. Clapp held the office of Inspector eleven years. The *Boston Post* said of him, on retiring,—"Mr. Clapp has been a faithful and capable officer, and retires with the respect and esteem of all with whom his official duties have brought him in contact."

After withdrawing from the Custom House, he was engaged in the book-selling and stationery business in Boston, on the corner of Franklin and Washington Streets, until 1861; then in the same business for a few years at 308 Washington Street, and for the last eight or ten years to the present time at 7 School Street. While in the first-named place, he published the *History of Dorchester*. Much of the labor of compiling that work devolved upon him, as one of a committee of the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society appointed for that purpose.

In June, 1834, he commenced keeping a daily journal. This has been continued by him ever since, upwards of 41 years, and he hopes to keep it the remainder of his days. The love for historical and genealogical research, which was so marked a trait in the character of his grandfather Noah, has attached itself strongly to Ebenezer, and, aided by a retentive memory, has made his mind a store-house of reliable facts connected with the persons and events which go to make up the history of the old town of Dorchester, so that he has long been looked up to as an authority in such matters. In 1843, the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society was organized, the preliminary meeting being held at his house on the 27th of January of that year. He was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Association, to which office he has been annually chosen to the present time, thirty-two years. In 1842, Mr. Clapp resolved to collect the history of his ancestors to leave to his children and posterity, believing that when that generation should have passed away it would be almost an impossibility for any one successfully to accomplish it. In collecting information in regard to his own family, the importance of the work became manifest, and he determined, as far as possible, to collect together and write out a genealogical history of all bearing the name of Clapp. The patience, perseverance and energy he has manifested during an entire generation of the race, in commencing and carrying on the design thus contemplated, is shown so thoroughly in the work now accomplished as to entitle him to the lasting gratitude and regard of those who are connected with the families here represented, and of all interested in such pursuits.

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He was chosen in 1854, and still remains, Deacon of the First Church in Dorchester, Rev. Nathaniel Hall,* late pastor, succeeding his father, Ebenezer,[8] in that office, and has been annually elected Clerk of the First Parish, thirty-eight years. He was appointed Justice of the Peace about twenty years since, and has held a commission up to the present time; has likewise been a member of the School Committee of Dorchester. He married, April 4, 1833, Sarah, daughter of William and Sarah (Shepard) Swan, of Dorchester, who was born May 10, 1806. His residence is on Sumner St., Dorchester, and the rear end of his home lot joins on to the east side of the old burying-ground, where so many of his ancestors and family and friends are laid, in that beautiful "garden of the living and home of the dead." W. B. T.

Children of EBENEZER and SARAH (Swan) CLAPP, of Dorchester.

329. ANN ELIZA,[7] b. Feb. 15, 1834.

330. CHARLES AUGUSTUS,[7] b. Nov. 9, 1835. After a few years of early life spent in his father's store and then in that of Crosby & Nichols, Mr. Clapp entered the well-known establishment of Ticknor & Fields, in the "Old Corner Bookstore," where he remained, gaining most valuable experience, till 1864, when that store with its retail trade was given up by Ticknor & Fields. Their successors were the new firm of E. P. Dutton & Co., Mr. Clapp being the junior partner. The business was successfully carried on by them for several years, during which time the store

* Rev. Nathaniel Hall, son of Nathaniel and Joanna Cotton (Brooks) Hall, of Medford, Mass., was born in that town, Aug. 13, 1805. He was a descendant in the seventh generation from Rev. John Cotton, minister of the First Church, Boston, and in the eighth generation from Rev. Nathaniel Ward, of Ipswich, Mass., the author of "The Simple Cobbler of Agawam" As already mentioned, p. 218, he succeeded the Rev. Dr. Harris Oct. 23, 1836, as sole minister of the First Church in Dorchester, having been ordained colleague with him July 16, 1835. Since the notice of him on that page was printed, Mr. Hall has been removed by death from his earthly labors, his decease taking place in Dorchester, Oct. 21, 1875. On returning from a residence of several months in Canada for the benefit of his health, but having obtained no relief, he tendered the resignation of his pastoral office on the 10th of October, which resignation had not been acted on by the Parish at the time of his death. Mr. Hall, as these dates show, was minister of that ancient church and society forty years, and its sole pastor thirty-nine years. From the time of Rev. Richard Mather's ordination over the same church in 1636, there have been, exclusive of colleagues, but seven ministers settled over it. Their names with their terms of service have been as follows:— Richard Mather, 33 years; Josiah Flint, 9 years; John Danforth, 48 years; Jonathan Bowman, 44 years; Moses Everett, 18 years; Thaddeus Mason Harris, 43 years; Nathaniel Hall, 39 years. The course of Rev Mr. Hall's ministry, during the long period of his settlement, has been marked by a constant, earnest and warm-hearted devotion to the various duties of his calling, with a firm and conscientious support, both in and out of the pulpit, of the various philanthropic and patriotic measures which, during that time, have been urged upon the public mind. Whatever differences of opinion may have existed at the time in regard to his advocacy of some of these objects, he has ever stood high in the estimation of all who have been associated with him as a faithful christian minister and a kind and sympathizing friend, and has now passed away with the sincere love and respect of the whole community. At his funeral, on the 25th, the services, which were peculiarly impressive, were conducted by the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, of Boston, and Rev. Drs. Peabody and Briggs, of Cambridge. An unusual number of the aged people of Dorchester were present, including one, Mrs. Hannah Foster, aged 92, who distinctly remembered the ordination services of the previous minister, Rev. Dr. Harris, Oct. 23, 1793. Mr. Hall married Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of John G. Coffin, M.D., a much esteemed physician of Boston in the early part of this century, and of the four children born to them, one son, Henry Ware, was eminently distinguished for heroic conduct in the late War of the Rebellion. He left Harvard College in September, 1858; was made Lieutenant of the 51st Illinois Reg't Dec. 24, 1861, Captain June 28, 1862, and Adjutant Sept. 30, 1862; was killed at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864.

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had been the only Episcopal Church book-store in the city, and become one of the leading publishing houses, in that line, in the country. Having purchased stock and plates of several Church publishing houses in New York, and that city being the most desirable place for a large business of this kind, in the spring of 1868 they began a branch there of their Boston establishment. A favorable opportunity soon offered for greatly enlarging this branch, and they finally decided to sell out their entire business at the "old corner," in Boston, and take a prominent store on Broadway, in New York. This was done in the spring of 1869, and the large publishing-house of E. P. Dutton & Co. has since been strictly a New York one, having also a valuable and attractive retail department, which is more particularly under the care of Mr. Clapp. He m. Oct. 1, 1863, Amanda Robinson Neally, dau. of Charles Herbert and Hannah Amanda Neally, of Boston. Child:

331. *Emma Louise*,[8] b. Sept. 13, 1864.

332. EBENEZER HERBERT,[7] b. Oct. 17, 1838; m. April 17, 1863, Lizzie Graham Mason, dau. of James S. Mason, of Philadelphia. For several years, he was engaged in the Adjutant General's office in the State House, Boston. Afterwards, he moved to Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., in Colorado, where he entered into extensive business and held several important public offices. The failure of his wife's health compelled their removal, and they then went to Philadelphia, where he is now settled in business with his father-in-law. Child:

333. *Herbert Mason*,[8] b. July 9, 1872.

334. GEORGE WILLIAM,[7] b. June 30, 1840; d. May 7, 1841.

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ENOCH[6] (*Ebenezer*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), son of Col. Ebenezer and Mary (Glover) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Aug. 6, 1790. He married in June, 1812, Mary, daughter of Elisha Tyson, of Baltimore. She died March 18, 1858. Enoch lived in that city for more than twenty years, and then removed to Philadelphia, where, and in the neighborhood of which city, he has since resided. His residence is now at Sharon Hill, in Delaware County. He has, for many years, been a worthy member of the Society of Friends, and his whole life has been an upright and exemplary one. He was at the Clapp Meeting at Northampton in 1870, was one of the oldest present, and took as much interest in the proceedings as any one there. He has made frequent visits to the home of his early years, and has kept himself informed of the changeful events which have marked the more recent history of his native town.

Children of ENOCH and MARY (Tyson) CLAPP, of Philadelphia:

335. MARY,[7] b. March 10, 1813; d. young.

336. ELIZABETH H.,[7] b. May 17, 1814; m. William Jackson, of Philadelphia, now a retired merchant.

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337. Rebecca C.,[7] b. May 14, 1815; d. in 1837.
338. Mary T.,[7] b. Nov. 28, 1817; m. Jan. 25, 1843, Dr. M. Fisher Longstreth; they live in Philadelphia.
339. Nathan T.,[7] b. June 27, 1819; m. Aug. 1, 1849, Sarah Roberts; reside in Philadelphia, and he is now a retired merchant. Child:
340. *Benjamin Franklin*,[8] b. about 1854.
341. Benjamin Franklin,[7] b. June 21, 1821; now dead.

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WILLIAM[6] (*Lemuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), son of Capt. Lemuel and Rebecca (Dexter) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, March 3, 1779, died Feb. 29, 1860, and was buried on the 3d of March, the day on which he would, if spared, have completed his 81st year. He followed the business of his father, and established and carried on, till near the close of his life, the large and well-known tan-yard on the corner of what is now Boston Street and Willow Court, for many years the largest tannery in Dorchester. He built a house on the opposite corner of the Court (north from the tan-yard and a few rods east of his father's), which still stands, a substantial and commodious brick mansion. Later in life, he devoted his time to his large farm, situated in the north part of the town, adjoining Boston, and well known to the passers by for its systematic cultivation and its horticultural fertility. He married, Dec. 15, 1806, Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon James Humphreys, of Dorchester, who was born Feb. 22, 1783, and died Oct. 4, 1869. Mr. Clapp filled important offices in the town and was two years a Representative to the General Court; was also Captain of the Military Company in Dorchester for some years. The death of three of his children in 1837, in the space of four days, by typhus fever, at the ages of 17, 19 and 21 years, was a very afflicting event to the parents, but was borne with Christian resignation. The whole family were sick at the same time, and the result of other cases was for a time doubtful. Two of the victims of this terrible epidemic were buried in one day. Mr. Clapp was a man of excellent character, of sound judgment, firm and decided, and much esteemed by the people of the town. He left a large landed estate in the north part of Dorchester and in South Boston. A sermon on his life and character was preached by Rev. Nathaniel Hall, minister of the First Parish, March 4, 1860.

Children of William and Elizabeth (Humphreys) Clapp.

342. Elizabeth,[7] b. March 2, 1808; d. Oct. 20, 1809.
343. William,[7] b. Sept. 28, 1809; d. May 2, 1825.
344. Thaddeus,[7] b. May 11, 1811; d. July 10, 1861. Attended the public schools in Dorchester, and was fitted for College at the Academy of Hiram Manley, in Dorchester; he grad. at Harv. College in 1834 with the second honors of his class, and delivered the salutatory oration in Latin. He was engaged for a short time

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in teaching school; and was Secretary of the Board of School Committee of Dorchester for several years. Feeble health prevented his engaging in any profession. He took his degree of Master of Arts in 1838, and the same year went to Franklin, La., where for five or six months he was tutor in a private family. On his return, in 1839, he gave his attention to farming, and having a special taste for the cultivation of fruit, with abundance of land and suitable soil for the gratification of his taste, he eventually became celebrated as a horticulturist and one of the leading pomologists of the day. In connection with his brothers, Frederick and Lemuel, he succeeded in raising from seed a new variety of pear—a cross between the "Flemish Beauty" and the "Bartlett"—to which was given the name of "Clapp's Favorite," now well known, and much prized by fruit growers. A representation of this pear is carved upon his tomb-stone at Forest Hills Cemetery. He was a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural, the Norfolk Agricultural and the American Pomological Societies, and obtained many premiums for choice varieties and fine specimens of fruit. He was also member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He was of a most amiable disposition, and led a life of unspotted integrity. He m., in Claremont, N. H., Aug. 11, 1857, Mary H. Dustin, daughter of Rev. Caleb Dustin, but had no children. His wife survives him.

345. FREDERICK,[7] b. Jan. 26, 1813; d. May 19, 1875, aged 62 years. He followed the tanning business with his father as long as the business was continued in that part of the town, and afterwards gave his attention to farming and horticulture. He built a dwelling-house and occupied it till his death, situated a few rods north of his father's, on Boston Street, being the most northerly house in the town of Dorchester and near the ancient gateway opening to the "Neck" over the Causeway road. With his brother Lemuel, he came into possession, shortly before his death, of the old homestead of his grandfather, Capt. Lemuel, in Willow Court. He m. May 17, 1840, Martha M. Blake, of Warwick, Mass. Children:

346. *Julia Elizabeth*,[8] b. June 21, 1841.

347. *Frederick William*,[8] b. Oct. 10, 1843; d. same day.

348. *Frederick Augustus*,[8] b. Oct. 11, 1845; d. Nov. 11, 1874. His death occurred just as he was entering upon the responsibilities of active manhood, in the exercise of virtuous qualities that made him beloved and respected by all. He was a thoughtful and discriminating reader, especially fond of natural history, and as an amateur entomologist had himself gathered and arranged a beautiful and valuable entomological collection. His chosen vocation as a florist was a source of much enjoyment to him, and he had an innate and practical regard for all similar pursuits.

349. *Edward Blake*,[8] b. March 11, 1851.

350. *Mary Louisa*,[8] b. Feb. 9, 1854.

351. LEMUEL,[7] b. Jan. 21, 1815. He inherits and occupies the house built and lived in by his father, on the corner of Boston Street and Willow Court. Since the tanning business was given up by his father, he has attended to the cultivation of the extensive

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grounds connected with the estate, on the extreme northerly border of the town of Dorchester, and comprising the well-known orchard long designated by the family name. He is much interested in growing new varieties of fruits, and has originated many fine varieties of pears, he planting with his own hand the seed from which the "Clapp's Favorite" originated. He is interested in all that concerns the Clapp Family History, and has furnished important ancient documents to assist in completing it. He m. June 9, 1840, Charlotte Tuttle, dau. of Charles and Sarah Ann (Austin) Tuttle, of Boston. Children:

352. *Rebecca Dexter*,[8] b. May 9, 1841; d. March 6, 1865.

353. *William Channing*,[8] b. Aug. 31, 1843; m. June 19, 1867, Martha A. Kingman. Children: i. *Frank Lemuel*,[9] b. June 2, 1871. ii. *Sidney Kingman*,[9] b. Jan. 8, 1873.

354. *Elizabeth Humphreys*,[8] b. Nov. 16, 1845; d. June 28, 1849.

355. *Sarah Austin*,[8] b. Feb. 18, 1848; m. June 9, 1873, Samuel A. Cushing, Jr. Child: Austin Andrews, b. March 9, 1874.

356. *James Humphreys*,[8] b. Oct. 18, 1851.

357. Elizabeth Humphreys,[7] b. Sept. 18, 1816; m. Nov. 19, 1844, Rev. Hiram Withington, b. in Dorchester, July 29, 1818. Mr. W. studied for the ministry at the Divinity School in Cambridge, after having been for several years a successful teacher of the public schools in Dorchester and other places; graduated in 1844, and at once took his place as a "popular preacher, possessing that delicacy, tenderness and glow of both thought and feeling that gave him great command over his audience." He was ordained as pastor of the Unitarian Congregational Church at Leominster, Mass., Dec. 25, 1844, thus commencing his conjugal and his ministerial life almost at the same time. But the brightness of his prospects soon became clouded. The labors belonging to a large parish caused a rapid decline in his health; his wife's health also suddenly failed, and she died Dec. 3, 1845, leaving one child: William Clapp, born November 25, 1845. His labors were, however, continued, and Feb. 21, 1848, he married again; but his physical and mental prostration so increased that he was compelled to ask leave to resign his charge, and on the 3d of September, 1848, he preached his farewell sermon. He immediately removed to the house of his father in Dorchester, where he rapidly sank, and died Oct. 30th of that year. The year after his death a Memoir of his Life was published, with Selections from his Sermons and Correspondence.

358. Rebecca Dexter,[7] b. Dec. 26, 1817; d. Nov. 13, 1838, aged 21 years. She was a young lady of great promise, and of marked Christian excellence. She was one of the three victims, already alluded to, of the fearful disease which visited her father's family and afflicted more or less severely each member of it, excepting her brother Thaddeus, then absent at the South.

359. James,[7] b. Dec. 28, 1819; d. Nov 17, 1838, aged 19 years.

360. Alexander,[7] b. June 16, 1821; d. Nov. 13, 1838, aged 17 years. James and Alexander possessed traits of character which gave promise of high moral worth and future usefulness.

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RICHARD[6] (*Lemuel*,[5] *Ebenezer*,[4] *Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), son of Lemuel and Rebecca (Dexter) Clapp, and brother of the preceding, was born in Dorchester, July 24, 1780, and died Dec. 26, 1861, aged 81 years. He was a tanner by trade, and his yard was only a few rods south of his brother William's. At one time in early life he was engaged pretty extensively in brick-making, the business being carried on upon lands of his own in South Boston. Bricks there made were used in 1812, in the construction of the house he afterwards occupied, now standing on Pond Street, near the Five Corners. A few feet east from this house is the site of the one in which Rev. Richard Mather* lived, and in which his son President Increase Mather was born. Mr. Clapp married, Nov. 3, 1807, Mary, born April 1, 1784, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Pierce) Blake, of Warwick. He held various responsible offices in the town, was chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor and of the Highways, one of the School Committee, and was ever forward in carrying on improvements and every true reform. "A man of large benevolence, firm in his principles, just and kind, a good citizen and an exemplary christian." His widow survived him upwards of thirteen years, and died Feb. 7, 1875, in the 91st year of her age. In a consoling letter from her pastor, the Rev. Nathaniel Hall, to one of her daughters, soon after her decease, this sentence occurs: "Few, it seems to me, have lived so blameless a life; and not simply blameless, but filled with active duty, conscientiously faithful to all the trusts committed to her, and all the opportunities afforded for blessing others. You have cause for deepest gratitude that you have had from the beginning on, and so long spared to you, such a mother and such a life, and that you have such a precious and priceless legacy in the memory of her virtues and graces and affections."

Children of RICHARD and MARY (Blake) CLAPP:

361. SARAH BLAKE,[7] b. July 28, 1808; d. March 15, 1850. She m. Dec. 2, 1830, Henry Humphreys, b. April 3, 1801, son of Deacon James and Elizabeth (Capen) Humphreys, of Dorchester. They lived in the house on the corner of what is now Dudley and Humphreys streets, the place having been the homestead of the Humphreys family ever since Dorchester was first settled. An extensive tannery was not many years since removed from the corner opposite the house, which had been car-

* The Rev. Richard Mather, D.D., was for thirty-three years minister of the church in Dorchester, and died in that town, in the house above alluded to, April 22, 1669. Edward Clapp, one of the Deacons of the church, died five years before, and was of course for many years associated with Mr. Mather in church affairs. Capt. Roger Clapp, four years before, had been appointed to the command of the Castle, and was doubtless residing there in 1669, and in a great measure disconnected with the church. Samuel, son of Roger, who in 1669 had the military title of Sergeant, afterwards became Captain, and was for some years before his death in 1708 Ruling Elder of the same church.—Of the "Divinely Rich and Learned Richard Mather," or of his "Sons like him Prophets great"—as expressed on his tombstone—no further mention is required or would perhaps be pardonable in these pages.

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ried on by one Humphreys after another through seven generations. Henry now holds the office of Deacon in the First Church, which his father held during many years, the latter dying July 13, 1845, aged 92. It is said that neither of the families to which they belong have ever, except in two instances, intermarried with any but natives of the town. Children: **i.** Sarah Elizabeth, b. in Dorchester, Nov. 28, 1831; d. Feb. 20, 1870; m. March 17, 1855, Curtis Greenwood, of Woburn, and had: (1) Mary Blake, b. Oct. 28, 1860; (2) Henry Humphreys, b. Dec. 21, 1862; (3) Alice Elizabeth, b. June 25, 1864; (4) Walter Curtis, b. July 3, 1866, d. Nov. 20, 1869; (5) Clarence Everett, b. May 17, 1868, d. Sept. 11, 1868. **ii.** James, b. Nov. 26, 1833; d. Jan. 25, 1849. **iii.** Henry, b. Dec. 22, 1834; d. Jan. 15, 1850. **iv.** Richard Clapp, b. June 10, 1836; m. March 5, 1863, Sarah Elizabeth Beals, and has: Clarence Blake, born March 25, 1873. **v.** Charles Alfred, b. April 1, 1838; m. April 15, 1868, Kate J. Mattoon, of Greenfield. He graduated at Harvard College in 1860, and from Divinity School, Cambridge, July 14, 1863, when he was ordained as Chaplain to the 2d Mass. Cavalry, and went to Virginia and staid till the war was over; during this time, he was taken prisoner and confined at Macon, Ga., and Charleston, S. C., from which place he was released, and joined his regiment again. He was installed Nov. 29, 1865, as pastor over the Unitarian Church at Springfield; resigned in January, 1872; installed at Framingham Nov. 2, 1873. Children: (1) Charles Mattoon, b. March 23, 1869; (2) Sarah Blake, b. Sept. 17, 1870; (3) Catharine Clapp, b. Aug. 1, 1873; (4) Elizabeth, b. July 23, 1875. **vi.** Barnard, b. Dec. 17, 1839; d. June 16, 1841. **vii.** Martha, b. Feb. 28, 1841; d. Feb. 1, 1842. **viii.** Mary Blake, twin sister to Martha, m. Dec. 30, 1874, Abiel S. Lewis, of Framingham. **ix.** Walter, b. July 4, 1842; enlisted August, 1862, in the 13th Mass. Reg't; d. June 2, 1864, from effects of a wound received the day previous, while engaged in raising breastworks under the enemy's fire at Cold Harbor, Va. **x.** Dexter, b. Sept. 17, 1843; m. June 24, 1869, Maria T. Davis, of Boston, and has: (1) Emma Louise, b. May 18, 1870; (2) Walter, b. July 14, 1874. **xi.** Catharine, b. March 10, 1845; d. Nov. 21, 1845. **xii.** Anna, b. April 27, 1846. **xiii.** James Henry, b. March 6, 1850; m. June 15, 1875, Francis Wilson Lewis, of Framingham.

362. LEMUEL DEXTER,[7] b. Nov. 4, 1810; d. Nov. 13, 1844; m. Nov. 30, 1836, Abigail H. Eaton, of Framingham. He was in the tanning business with his father, and was the inventor of an ingenious furnace for burning tan. He lived in Clapp Place, near the tan-yard, where he died after a long and painful illness, which was borne with patience and Christian resignation. Children:

363. *Mary Emeline*,[8] b. Oct. 19, 1837; d. Aug. 23, 1838.

364. *John Dexter*,[8] b. Sept. 10, 1839. Dealer in Sewing Machines, in Winter Street, Boston, and now living in West Somerville, Mass. Married, Jan. 7, 1865, Caroline A. Lowe, and has: **i.** *Adeline Augusta*,[9] b. in Dorchester, Oct. 1, 1866. **ii.** *Edward Lowe*,[9] b. in Dorchester, Feb. 17, 1869. **iii.** *Walter Blake*,[9] b. in Somerville, Aug. 9, 1875.

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365. *Emma Mary*,[8] b. Sept. 18, 1842; m. June 7, 1865, Dr. Francis F. Brown, of Reading, Mass., and had three children: Mabel Frances, b. June 24, 1866; Edward Dexter, b. Aug. 14, 1869; Wilfred Rogers, b. June 29, 1872. All in Reading.

366. *Abby Caroline*,[8] b. July 17, 1844.

367. MARY,[7] b. April 2, 1812; d. Nov. 24, 1821.

368. RICHARD,[7] b. Jan. 27, 1814; m. Jan. 12, 1842, Caroline, dau. of Jacob Bird, of Dorchester. He was a tanner, and afterwards a carpenter. His wife Caroline d. Feb. 5, 1858, and he m. second, March 31, 1859, Eunice Emily Holden. He died Aug. 20, 1866, aged 52 years, 6 months.

369. CATHARINE,[7] b. Nov. 26, 1815; m. July 14, 1851, Deacon Henry Humphreys, husband of her deceased sister Sarah B., and resides in the place in Dorchester where she lived and died.

370. REBECCA,[7] twin sister of Catharine, b. Nov. 26, 1815; d. March 13, 1817.

371. REBECCA,[7] b. Sept. 4, 1817; m. Nov. 25, 1844, William Blake Trask, b. in Dorchester, Nov. 25, 1812. Mr. T. was by trade a cabinet-maker, but for the past thirty years has devoted much time to historical and antiquarian researches; was an early and active member of the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society, and also of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society; was historiographer of the latter from 1862 to 1867, has edited several volumes of its quarterly Register, and has contributed to the pages of that work, at various times from its first issue, a large amount of valuable matter. He aided Mr. S. G. Drake in preparing the notes to his History of Boston, Gen. Sumner in the preparation of his History of East Boston, and as one of the Committee of Publication of this Memorial has rendered valuable assistance in completing its family records. Mr. T. has been a member of the School Committee in Dorchester; was an Assistant Assessor there in 1850. He built a house in Clapp Place, in 1844, where they resided ten years. Subsequently, for seventeen years, they lived in the old Capt. Lemuel Clapp house, in Willow Court, with Catharine and Rebecca Clapp (Nos. 247–8), aunts to Mrs. T., where they continued until Catharine's death, in 1872, but now reside in the brick house on Pond Street, built and occupied by the father of Mrs. Trask. They have no children.

372. ALFRED,[7] b. April 9, 1819; m. Oct. 10, 1843, Elinor M. Cain, b. Sept. 24, 1820, dau. of Zechariah and Charlotte Cain, of Dorchester. Is a cabinet-maker by trade, and lives in Dorchester. Children:

373. *Charlotte Eliza Chapman*,[8] b. Oct. 5, 1844.

374. *Ernest Alfred*,[8] b. July 15, 1846; m. Oct. 26, 1871, Eliza Ann Eveleth. They have *Mary Elinor*,[9] b. Nov. 13, 1873.

375. *Eugene Davis*,[8] b. Jan. 12, 1848; d. Jan. 21, 1848.

376. *Richard Dexter*,[8] b. Jan. 29, 1853.

377. MARTHA,[7] b. April 27, 1821; m. June 28, 1852, Stephen, son of Stephen (No. 118) and Hannah (Humphreys) Clapp, of Dorchester. He is a carpenter, and they live in Dorchester, without issue.

378. ELISHA,[7] b. Sept. 29, 1822; m. April 8, 1851, Martha, b. Dec. 24, 1827, dau. of Daniel and Sally (Ward) Johnson, of Warwick,

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Mass. He was first a currier, then an engraver, but afterwards purchased a farm in Gill, Mass., where he has since lived and successfully followed the cultivation of his grounds. Children:

379. *Walter Elisha*,[8] b. Feb. 22, 1867.

380. *Willie Richard*,[8] b. Nov. 8, 1872; d. Jan. 28, 1873.

381. MARY,[7] b. Aug. 16, 1825; m. June 28, 1852, Charles Frederic Weis, b. Aug. 1, 1820, in Offenbach, Germany. He belongs to the firm of Weis & Zoebisch, who keep a fur and umbrella store on Washington Street, Boston. He lives in Dorchester, and has five children: Anna Lora, b. Jan. 1, 1855; Mary Blake, b. Aug. 11, 1856; Charles Frederic, b. Dec. 8, 1859, d. Aug. 19, 1860; Richard Clapp, b. Aug. 4, 1863; Johan Peter Carl, b. Feb. 20, 1866. Mr. W. is one of the executors on the estate of Amasa Clapp (No. 230).

382. JAMES BLAKE,[7] b. Sept. 9, 1828; d. Aug. 6, 1829.

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JOSEPH[6] (*Joseph*,[5] *Joseph*,[4] *Ebenezer*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest child of Joseph and first wife Abigail (Glover) Clapp, was born in Dorchester, Aug. 10, 1774, and died June 14, 1852. He married, March 24, 1796, Betsey Tileston, who was born Dec. 22, 1776. He lived in Centre Street, in Dorchester, a few rods east of the meeting-house of the Second Church. He was for twenty-four years one of the Assessors of the town, was most of that time chairman of the Board, and was chosen by his townsmen Representative to the General Court. He was a man whom his neighbors, when dying, often selected as a guardian for their children, or as administrator of their estates. Mr. C. was eminently a man of peace, and was not unfrequently called upon as a settler of disputes. He was one of the sixty-four original members of the Second Church in Dorchester, Jan. 1, 1808, Rev. John Codman* pastor, having previously

* Rev. John Codman, D.D., was born in Boston, Aug. 3, 1782. He was son of Hon. John Codman and Margaret Russell his wife, grandson of John, of Charlestown, and great-grandson of Capt. John, who came to an untimely end by being poisoned by his three negro slaves about the middle of the 18th century. It is recorded by the biographer of Rev. Dr. C. that one of these slaves was executed for his crime on the northerly side of the Cambridge road, about a quarter of a mile above the peninsula, and that another, a female, was burned at the stake, about ten yards from the gallows!—the only instance, it is said, in the history of this country, of that method of punishment under the authority of the law. Dr. Codman graduated at Harvard College in 1802, studied for the ministry under the Rev. Henry Ware, then of Hingham, and in 1805 embarked for Europe, to finish his theological studies there. After spending three years abroad, he returned home, and in August, 1808, first preached to the Second Church in Dorchester, then recently organized, their new meeting-house having been dedicated Oct. 30, 1806. He was ordained pastor of this church Dec. 7, 1808, the Rev. Dr. Channing (from whom he very soon after separated in theological belief) preaching the ordination sermon. In about a year after his settlement, commenced the celebrated controversy between him and many members of the parish, which lasted for three years, but neither the merits nor the details of which can be here entered into. In 1824, an interesting journey by Dr. C. and his wife was made to the State of Georgia, including a Sunday passed at Midway, among the descendants of the people of Dorchester who emigrated thence in 1695. They then took passage for Europe, returning home the next year. Two other visits to Europe were afterwards made by Dr. C. The position attained by Dr. Codman as pastor of the Second Church, and as a leading and able minister in the denomination to which he belonged, was elevated, and his death, which took place Dec. 23, 1847, in his 66th year, was much lamented.

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united with the First Church. He was chosen Deacon, Feb. 17, 1808, which office he held until his death. "He is remembered as an humble-minded Christian, with child-like faith, quiet but firm, loving all and himself beloved, and deeply interested in the truth and cause of Christ. In the church, he was active by labors and prayers. He lived to see all his children (save two who died in early life) gathered into the Christian fold." He had a cancer on his hand when advanced in life, and his arm was amputated July 14, 1847. Spared to a good old age, he felt that his work was done, and he was ready to depart. His funeral sermon was from a text of his own selection, which all felt truly to express his spirit.:—"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

Children of JOSEPH and BETSEY (Tileston) CLAPP:

383. FANNY TILESTON,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1796; d. July 24, 1803, aged 7 yrs.

384. BETSEY,[7] b. May 3, 1799; m. May 3, 1820, Thomas Hancock, who went to sea in 1834, and has never since been heard from. They had no children. She d. Dec. 12, 1863.

385. JOSEPH,[7] b. July 6, 1801. He was a cabinet-maker, and lived in the house built by his father on Washington Street, next on the north to the meeting-house of the Second Parish Church. In January, 1846, he was chosen Deacon of the church (the Second in the town) so long under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Codman, and now under that of his successor, the Rev. James H. Means, D.D.* In 1874, he was released from active service, on account of feeble health. While strength continued, he was a faithful, useful officer of the church, highly esteemed by all. For many years, he led in singing at all the chapel services, from which he was rarely absent. He m. in 1826, Louisa Adams. Children:

386. *Louisa Ann*,[8] b. Aug. 13, 1827.

387. *Joseph Warren*,[8] b. Sept. 13, 1830.

388. *Maria Almira*,[8] b. Jan. 28, 1833.

389. *Cornelius*,[8] b. Dec. 30, 1834; killed instantly, May, 1875, by a railroad train of cars running over him while trying to step from the platform of the car while in motion. He had been in business in Jamaica Plain as a tinsmith about twenty years; was an energetic man, long connected with the fire department, and much respected. He left a family of five children.

390. *Mary Ellen*,[8] b. Aug. 21, 1839.

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* Rev. James H Means, D.D., was born in Boston, Dec. 13, 1823. He was the son of James and Joanna Means. He graduated at Harvard College in 1843, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1847. Receiving a call to settle in the ministry at Dorchester, he was ordained July 13, 1848. Before the death, in 1847, of Rev. Dr. Codman, who had long been the minister of the Second Church there, Mr. Means was the candidate of his choice as successor to him in the pastoral office. How well he has fulfilled the expectations and made good the place of his predecessor, is attested by his long, harmonious and successful continuance in the office to which he was then unanimously chosen. In 1873, the church celebrated the 25th anniversary of his settlement, which was an occasion of great interest and the interchange of mutual love and esteem. Dr. Means has twice visited Europe since his ordination. For several years he was one of the school committee of the town. A sermon by him, delivered before his own people Dec. 26, 1869, was published, and contains much interesting historical matter, more particularly in regard to the churches in Dorchester.

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391. Fanny Tileston,[7] b. March 3, 1804; d. Sept. 22, 1823.
392. Hannah,[7] b. Aug. 26, 1806; m. in 1828, Charles Guild, a gold-beater in Boston. He died in 1846.
393. Harriet,[7] b. Oct. 13, 1808; d. Aug. 17, 1817.
394. Sophia Sherburne,[7] b. Nov. 24, 1810; m. April 2, 1850, Samuel Albert Robinson, b. in Brookline, Oct. 17, 1809. They live in Brookline, and have children, Louise S., and J. Albert.
395. John Codman,[7] b. in Dorchester, April 5, 1813. He is the general agent of an Insurance Company in Boston. He now resides in Chelsea. He was one of the Committee of Arrangements for the Clapp Meetings at Northampton and in Boston, and has assisted in preparing this family record for the Memorial. He m. first, Sept. 15, 1841, Lucy A. Blake, who d. Oct. 8, 1867. He m. second, in 1870, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Tenney, of Chelsea. Children by first wife:
    396. *Emma Isadore*,[8] b. Dec. 15, 1843; m. May 12, 1868, Edward P. Brown, who passed a three years' service, and attained the rank of Major, in the War of the Rebellion. He was on Gen. Burnside's staff, and also on that of Gen. Hartrantf, now Governor of Pennsylvania. He is now a lawyer in Boston.
    397. *Herbert Codman*,[8] b. Jan. 31, 1846; graduated at Harvard College in 1867, and at the Harvard Medical School in 1870. Is now a physician in Boston.
    398. *Arthur Blake*,[8] b. June 11, 1851; graduated at Harv. College in 1874, and is a lawyer in Boston.
    399. *Austin Phelps*,[8] b. July 1, 1853; is a hardware merchant in Boston.
400. James Otis,[7] b. March 4, 1816; d. Aug. 24, 1849. He removed to North Bridgewater, and m. Oct. 5, 1840, Lucia, daughter of Eliphalet and Zilpah (Edson) Kingman, of that place. Very soon after his marriage, he took up his residence in Boston, where he lived, and for several years kept a store, in Prince Street. After his decease, his wife m. second, Oct. 8, 1856, Henry, son of Matthew Snell, of North Bridgewater, being his second wife; he d. Nov. 11, 1865. Children of James Otis[7]:
    401. *Ellen Augusta*,[8] b. Aug. 5, 1842; d. Aug. 23, 1843.
    402. *Otis Francis*,[8] b. Sept. 20, 1843; is a civil engineer in Providence, R. I.
    403. *George Franklin*,[8] b. Aug. 8, 1845.
    404. *Albert Herman*,[8] b. June 11, 1848; d. same day.
    405. *Eliza Moore*,[8] b. Feb. 18, 1851; d. June 14, 1851.
406. Harriet Sherburne,[7] b. July 10, 1818; m. as a second wife, Sept. 1, 1853, Moses Withington, Treasurer of Brookline. Mr. W.'s first wife was Jane Clapp (No. 173).
407. Samuel Worcester,[7] b. Sept. 3, 1821; was a cabinet-maker by trade, and lived in Bridgewater. He m. April 30, 1845, Mary Cary, of North Bridgewater, b. Dec. 4, 1823; subsequently, he settled as a merchant and manufacturer in Boston, and now carries on extensively the stove, range and furnace business, on Blackstone Street, where he has occupied the same store for the last twenty-five years. He was actively engaged in both the Clapp Family Gatherings.

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ASAHEL[7] (*Reuben*,[6] *Asahel*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *Nathaniel*,[2] *Nicholas*[1]), oldest son of Reuben and Hepzibah (Gates) Clapp, was born in Hubbardston, Mass., Oct. 5, 1792, and died in New Albany, Ind., Dec. 17, 1862. His father's family moved, when he was quite young, to Montgomery, Vt. He chose the profession of medicine, in everything relating to which profession he soon became a devoted student and an accurate observer. He was also very much attached to the study of the natural sciences, and his attainments in it were great. He moved to New Albany, Ind., early in the year 1817, and in seeking information in his favorite studies, he visited several portions of Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky. His collections of geological and botanical specimens were quite as large as any in the State. A large part of the former is now at Yale College, credited to him. When on his second visit to this country, Sir Charles Lyell visited him, and obtained valuable information from him in regard to the fossils of the Falls of the Ohio and vicinity. He was chairman of the Committee on Indigenous Medical Botany and Materia Medica for 1850–51, appointed by the American Medical Association, and presented to that body a report which was published in the 5th Volume of its Transactions. The report is a very valuable one, and was the result of much labor. He married first without issue; married second, Jan. 31, 1822, Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of Nathaniel Scribner, who was one of the family that laid out the city of New Albany, Indiana. She was born in Bath, N. H., June 5, 1792, and died Aug. 15, 1872. Dr. J. L. Chandler, of St. Albans, Vt., who was a fellow-pupil of Dr. Clapp, under the tuition of the father of the former, Dr. Benjamin Chandler, furnished to the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* of Feb. 12, 1863, the following interesting particulars respecting the early habits and traits of character of his associate:

"When," he says, "Asahel Clapp presented himself to my father, he must have been not far from 20 years of age. He was in the rough garb of a backwoodsman, and announced his wish to commence the study of medicine forthwith. It was the custom of country physicians in those early days to receive pupils, boarding, and sometimes clothing them, trusting to their future professional success for remuneration. *He* signified his wish to discharge his pecuniary obligations as they accrued, by labor on the farm, or in any employment my father might furnish. He had travelled some thirty miles on foot, from a new settlement among the mountains, where he had resided from early childhood, and where his ardor in the pursuit of knowledge must have been kindled. Yet his training had all been effected in the rough and brief terms of the district school of that pioneer period and mountainous region, usually taught by backwoodsmen themselves. His bearing was indicative of intelligence and good sense—of solidity rather than brilliancy. My father was quick to discover and appreciate talent, and watched its development with the gusto of an epicure. He acceded to young Clapp's terms at once. It was during my own pupilage, and though

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the only advantage I could claim over him was a superficial smattering of Latin, I affected profound amazement at his temerity in presuming to enter upon the study of medicine with so little preparation, especially with the draw-backs on his time by the undignified employment of 'his own hands' in catering for his daily support. My father replied to this sage announcement of my sentiments toward my fellow-pupil, that I should soon be relieved from the burden of such regrets, by finding myself amply employed in following at a respectful distance my fellow-student's lead in the acquisition of knowledge. My impartial and sagacious father's prediction was ruefully verified.

"With no special claims to genius, he had intellectual strength, and an iron will to do what he purposed; the true secret, no doubt, of success in every department of human pursuit. His work was diligently to study and understand the elementary books in medicine, prescribed by his preceptor; his pastime, the entire fulfilment of his contract with my father, by labor on the farm; still leaving him many fragments of time, which were successfully employed in gleaning items of knowledge from any source which might facilitate the study of his profession. We lodged in a room adjoining my father's study, and while my own slumbers were protracted through the early morning hours, he was up betimes, ransacking the bookshelves and making himself familiar with every writer who might, directly or indirectly, solve the questions perpetually rising in his active mind. May I be indulged in relating a laughable incident, yet really indicative of his indomitable purpose to put every opinion and every theory in science to the proof? He had taken up a small work on electricity—and though the subject was entirely new to him, he had, in a very short time, made himself familiar with all the book contained. Some question was started between us in regard to the different degrees of susceptibility which the sleeping and waking condition of the human system might manifest to the influence of electricity. At the time, I little suspected his purpose to improve my own bad habit of sleeping in the early hours, for the benefit of science; but the very next morning, I waked to find myself the victim of a tremendous dose of lightning, adroitly administered by my fellow-student while I slept. He had skilfully arranged my father's electrical apparatus by the bedside, and given me a dose which satisfied *me* at least that somnolence was no security against forked lightning."

Dr. Chandler adds, with regard to his knowledge of Dr. Clapp in his later years:

"During a short visit to Vermont some two years since, when I had the pleasure of renewing our acquaintance, I found him still the same enthusiastic and diligent student. He was at that time so absorbed in microscopic inquiries, that he hardly allowed himself time for the hospitalities and enjoyments which relatives and old friends were anxious to offer him. Indeed, his travelling outfit seemed to consist mainly of lenses and other apparatus appropriate to the unremitting labor which, at home or abroad, he made the great business of his life. He was eminently distinguished in Indiana, and in New Albany, the city of his early adoption, was no less honored for his professional skill than for his public spirit and his hearty coöperation in every humane enterprise."

Children of ASAHEL and ELIZABETH (Scribner) CLAPP, of New Albany, Ind.:

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408. William Augustus,[8] b. in New Albany, Ind., Oct. 29, 1822. He studied medicine and practised with his father until his death. He is unmarried, and lives with his sister Mary Elizabeth in the old homestead where they were born.
409. Theodore Franklin,[8] b. May 7, 1824; d. Aug. 3, 1826.
410. John Edmonds,[8] b. Nov. 14, 1825; d. June 29, 1836.
411. Franklin Theodore,[8] b. April 7, 1827; d. Sept. 6, 1828.
412. Esther Elizabeth,[8] b. April 15, 1829; d. July 17, 1830.
413. Asahel,[8] b. July 18, 1830; d. July 17, 1832.
414. Mary Elizabeth,[8] b. Nov. 22, 1832; is living unm. with her brother William A. in the old homestead at New Albany.

On the completion of the genealogical record of the four original and co-temporary Clapp emigrants to Dorchester, New England—viz., Roger, Edward, Thomas and Nicholas—it is interesting to note the relative number of the descendants of each, in connection with the different localities occupied by them. While there is not a descendant of Roger in the male line remaining in Dorchester, his numerous progeny, making Northampton their base, have diffused themselves throughout New York State, and thence to the west. The descendants of Thomas, also now nearly unknown in Dorchester, with Scituate and Dedham as their base spread to the south-west into Connecticut, also to the north-east into Maine, and thence directly to the west, few settling in New York State. The number of descendants of these two must be very nearly equal. On the contrary, Edward and Nicholas and their descendants remained located in Dorchester, making that town and their family name almost a synonymous term. The line of Edward is now extinct in the male line in Dorchester, and almost so elsewhere; and the descendants of Nicholas do not number one-half of those of Roger and Thomas, as shown in the consecutive numbering in the preceding pages—in point of fact, they are much less than one-half as numerous as those of either Roger or Thomas. Whether or not these results are owing to the fact that the generations of the latter have received a stimulating influence from early and frequent removals to fresh scenes and new circles of activity, and marriages with diverse branches of the Anglo-American settlers, might be an interesting subject of inquiry.

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GEORGE GILSON AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

George Gilson Clapp, M.D.

"Was born in England, and was educated for the profession of medicine; he possessed an ardent thirst for knowledge, and visited most of the countries of Europe, extending his travels through Palestine and some parts of the Turkish Empire. He visited the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem, in the character of a pilgrim, the only mode in which he could travel in safety. He acquired a knowledge of various languages and assumed many of the oriental customs, amongst others the habit of chewing opium, of which he became fond to excess. He crossed the Red Sea, as also the Black and Dead Seas, travelled in Egypt, and returned to his native country after having spent nearly twenty years in foreign nations, and expended the greater part of a large fortune, in course of his various travels. Soon after his return to England, he commenced the practice of medicine in London, but the Great Plague breaking out soon after, he removed to this country and settled himself in South Carolina, in the year 1666 or 1667, where he resided about two years, and then removed to the city of New York. The colony was at that time under the government of Lord Cornberry, with whose advice Dr. Clapp settled himself in West Chester Co., about 30 miles from the city. He was esteemed one of the most learned men in the colony, and such was his reputation in his own neighborhood in this respect, that an idea prevailed amongst many of his neighbors that he was possessed of some supernatural agency."

The above is the most authentic of the records of George Gilson Clapp, which have been transmitted in different forms in all the branches of his descendants. There is evidently in it an anachronism as regards the connection of Lord Cornbury with Dr. C. It is possible that the connection spoken of may have been with the Doctor's son John[2] or grandson John.[3] This discrepancy, however, which cannot now be cleared up, does not injure the main points of the record. Dr. Clapp is also said to have been of Italian descent,

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but if such a tradition has any foundation in fact, it probably amounts to nothing more than that his father may have been a traveller, as well as himself, and perhaps married in Italy.

Child of GEORGE GILSON CLAPP:

+2. JOHN.[2]

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JOHN[2] (*George Gilson*[1]), son of George Gilson Clapp, the traveller, finally of Westchester, N. Y., was probably born before his father settled in this country. He no doubt accompanied his father to the Carolinas and thence to Westchester, N. Y., where he died. He married, and had a son.

Child of JOHN CLAPP, Senior:

+3. JOHN.[3]

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JOHN[3] (*John,*[2] *George Gilson*[1]), the son of John Clapp, of Westchester, New York, was born either in England or the Carolinas. He may have been the child which tradition tells came near being caught by an alligator in South Carolina, an accident which induced the family to remove to the less barbarous settlement of New York. He passed his life in Westchester Co., and was commonly called "John the second."

Children of JOHN CLAPP (the second):

4. HENRY.[4]
5. GILSON.[4]
+6. JOHN.[4]
+7. ELIAS.[4]

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JOHN[4] (*John,*[3] *John,*[2] *George Gilson*[1]), son of John Clapp called "the second," of Westchester Co., N. Y., lived in or near the same place as his father. From the fact that all the branches of his descendants were identified with the Society of Friends, it is presumed that he, first, brought up his family in this faith. He married, in the year 1713, Eliza Douglas Quimby, and died in Westchester, May 10, 1730.

Children of JOHN and ELIZA DOUGLAS (Quimby) CLAPP, of Westchester, N. Y.:

+ 8. JOHN,[5] b. in 1714; d. May 6, 1778.
+ 9. JAMES,[5] b. in 1715.
+10. SILAS,[5] b. Feb. 27, 1717; d. March 19, 1777.
11. PHEBE,[5] b. Jan. 1, 1719; m. Edward Hallock.
+12. THOMAS,[5] b. Feb. 25, 1722.

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ELIAS[4] (*John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), fourth son of John Clapp (called the second), and brother to the preceding, was born in the county of Westchester, where it is supposed he married, lived and died, though it is possible he may have settled in Greenwich, Ct., adjacent to New York.

Children of ELIAS CLAPP:

+13. JOSEPH.[5]
14. BENJAMIN.[5]
+15. HENRY.[5]
16. JOHN,[5] b. Jan. 25, 1732, in Westchester, N. Y., or Greenwich, Ct. Wife Phebe, who was b. Aug. 26, 1741. They lived in Greenwich, Ct. Children:
    17. *Philea*,[6] b. Feb. 26, 1766.
    18. *Allan*,[6] b. May 5, 1768. He lived in Westchester, N. Y., many years, thence moved to Philadelphia, where he died. He was Superintendent of the Philadelphia Hospital for 25 years. Allan Clapp was noted for his fine presence and courtly manners, and was considered the gentleman of the family, *par excellence*. His son *William R.*,[7] now 70 years of age, is residing in Trenton, N. J.
    19. *Mary*,[6] b. March 14, 1770.
    20. *Phebe*,[6] b. Nov. 20, 1772.
    21. *William*,[6] b. Feb. 14, 1775.
    22. *Elizabeth*,[6] b. April 21, 1778.
    23. *John*,[6] b. near Purchase's or King St., Greenwich, Ct., Aug. 30, 1781; d. July 16, 1857. He removed to New York city about the year 1800; m. and had a son *John*,[7] who is now residing in New York.

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JOHN[5] (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), oldest son of John and Eliza Douglas (Quimby) Clapp, was born in Westchester Co., N. Y., in 1714. He married, Aug. 27, 1735, Alice Allen, of Long Island (a lady of property, born in 1711, and died Jan. 3, 1787), and moved to Greenwich, Ct., where he purchased a large estate, and soon afterwards built the house he lived in, in that town, which is more particularly spoken of in the record of his son Thomas, who inherited it. John Clapp, in common, probably, with most of his family at that time, belonged to the Society of Friends. In the time of the Revolutionary War, some of the British army were stationed in Greenwich, and the name of King Street, which divided John's farm, is said to have been derived from this circumstance. The Quakers who lived in the neighborhood were hospitable to the King's troops, although they took no sides in the contest, and their farms were very much damaged. A tract of land in Ohio was granted by the U. S. government, after the war, to these sufferers, and the right

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of John Clapp in this tract, called New Connecticut, was sold many years afterwards by his son Thomas. John[5] died May 6, 1778.

Children of JOHN and ALICE (Allen) CLAPP, of Greenwich, Ct.:

24. JOHN,[6] b. Aug. 1, 1736; d. Nov. 14, 1760.
25. DORCAS,[6] b. June 27, 1738; m. William Sutton and had children, all of whom are now dead; a grandson, Thomas Sutton, is now living on part of the estate, and has greatly assisted in procuring records of this family. Dorcas[6] m. second, Francis Nash.
26. JAMES,[6] b. May 15, 1740; d. March 12, 1756.
27. SILAS,[6] b. Feb. 22, 1742; d. Nov. 12, 1760.
+28. THOMAS,[6] b. in Greenwich, Ct., Oct. 6, 1744; d. March 1, 1828.
29. WILLIAM,[6] b. Oct. 10, 1746; d. Feb. 22, 1748.
30. JESSE,[6] b. April 1, 1748; d. Sept. 18, 1751.
31. MARY,[6] b. Feb. 2, 1750; m. Joseph Carpenter; she and eight children were living in 1827, but are now all dead.

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JAMES[5] (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), brother of the preceding, was born in Westchester Co., N. Y., in 1715. Nothing definite is known of his history, excepting that he was a sea-faring man, and made voyages to and from the West Indies. An old chest once belonging to him is now in the possession of Thomas Sutton, of Harrison, N. Y. (spoken of above as grandson of Dorcas Clapp, No. 25); and a book of navigation, also the property of James, was once in Mr. Sutton's possession. In here considering James[5] as the father of Gilbert Clapp, it can only be said that this is strongly probable, no record of such relationship having yet been discovered.

Child (probably) of JAMES CLAPP:

+32. GILBERT,[6] b. about 1740.

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SILAS[5] (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George G.*[1]), third son of John and Eliza Douglas (Quimby) Clapp, of Westchester, N. Y., and brother of the preceding, was born in Westchester, N. Y., Feb. 27, 1717. He came from New York to Block Island, on a visit, and from there went to Warwick, R. I., where he became acquainted with Mary Greene, daughter of John and Mary Greene, and married her. She inherited the farm and homestead of her father, and these have been occupied by Silas and his descendants to the present day. Silas died March 19, 1777. His wife Mary died July 8, 1760, in her 38th year. The accompanying inventory of his personal estate is interesting as a good specimen, probably, of what constituted the farming and house-keeping utensils of a well-to-do Rhode Island yeoman of a century ago. It is copied verbatim from the original.

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A True and Perfect Inventory of all the Personal Estate of Silas Clapp, Esq., late of Warwick, Deceased, taken by us whose Names are Here Inscribed.

	£	s.	d.
To Waring aparril,	13	13	0
Four Threyearold Stears	27	0	0
Four Cows and Three Calfs	33	12	0
Fiue Two year old hefers	18	0	0
Two Two year old Bulls, and one Two year old Stear	12	12	0
Four Yearlings, two stears, one hefer and bull	7	4	0
Four horse Kind	36	0	0
Thirty Two Sheep and Thirteen Lambs	21	3	0
Two Barars hogs and Two Sows and six pigs	9	0	0
One Cart and Wheals	7	10	0
Two old Plows and Irons	1	16	0
Two loads of hay in Stak	6	0	0
Two harrows with Iron Teath	2	2	0
Three Draft Chains and one log Chain	3	0	0
Three axes and four hoes	1	19	0
Three pichforks and fiue Rakes	0	13	6
One handsaw and sundry other articles	3	3	0
Three ox yoaks and one cops and pin	1	1	0
One Grindstone and crank and one Iron bar	3	2	0
Half of a croscut Saw	0	18	0
One hundred bushels of Indian corn	17	10	0
Thirty Two bushels of oats at Two shilling bushel	3	4	0
Ten bushels of barly and oats Two and ninepence	1	7	6
5½ bushels of Rye *a* 4s. 6d.	1	4	3
Seven Bushels of flax seed *a* 6s.	2	2	0
One hundred and eight pounds of Clover Seed Grass	6	6	0
16 Quarts of herds Grass Seed	0	19	2½
Eight Barrels Cyder and 4 old hogsheads	10	16	0
Three and half Barrels of Porke *a* 108s. pr. bbl.	18	18	0
70 lb. of hogs Lard *a* 7d.	2	0	10
16 lb. of Tallow Candles *a* 9d.	0	12	0
A Tarce of molassis Containing Sixty Gallons *a* 3s. 8d.	11	0	0
Some old Casks and Tubs	0	15	0
One Old Cyder Mill and Press Valued at	1	4	0
700 lbs. of Tobacco at Three pence pound	8	15	0
Seueral old Cask	0	11	0
One pair of horse chains and coller and hames	0	12	0
One Eight Day Clock Ualued at	21	0	0
Two high Case of Draws and one low Case of Draws	7	4	0
Two Desks	4	4	0
Seueral old Trunks	1	19	0
Four ouil Tables at	3	5	0
Two Chests and one Stool	0	16	0
Eight Beds and Bedding and seuen Bedstids	78	5	6
One Set of Curtins and sundry other articles	15	7	0
Sum homspun Cloth Ualued at	1	13	6
Amount carried forward	£420	19	3½

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	Amount brought forward	£420	19 3½
To	One Looking Glass with a Gilt frame	3	12 0
	One Looking Glass with a Black Wolnut frame	3	0 0
	Six yeards of Broadcloath and sum small Remnants of other cloth	7	2 6
	One Watch	4	10 0
	Six Bannerster Back Chears at	1	10 0
	A number of old Chares	1	10 0
	One old Candle Stand	0	4 0
	2 Spining Wheels and one Reel	1	2 0
	One pipe Box	0	1 0
	3 pr. hand Irons, 2 pr. Shovels and Tongs, 3 Tramels and Two Spits and one fender one melting Ladle	4	6 0
	A pr. Flat Irons	0	8 0
	One Box Iron and 2 heeters	0	7 0
	Sundry Iron pots and Kitles and a Frying pan and Chafeing Dish and one Tap boreer	3	13 0
	Two Brass Kittles	3	0 0
	2 Copper Tea Kittles	1	13 0
	One bell mettle Kittle	0	12 0
	A shoe hammer, a pr. pincers and nippers	0	3 6
	4½ lb. of Gees Feathers, *a* 2s. 7½d. per lb.	0	11 6
	One bag containing said Feathers	0	3 0
	11 lb. of hen and Turkey Feathers and Bag containing them	0	15 0
	One Flesh fork one Scimmer and Basting Ladle	0	3 0
	2 Tea Canisters, 2 tunels and one Cullindine and Tin pan	0	12 0
	Half Doz. Silver Table Spoone and half Doz. Tea D°. w^t^ 9oz. 15p. Troy	3	3 0
	Making the above Spoons	1	16 0
	One Silver Taukerd and four poringers, one beer Cup and one other Small cup, Eleven Large Table Spoons, Twelve Tea Spoons and one pr. Clasps, w^t^ 80oz. and 15p. Troy	26	18 4
	The makeing the above Plate	7	10 0
	One pr. Silver Shoe Buckels and one —— Buckle	1	1 0
	3 large puter platters	2	14 0
	15 puter plates	1	2 3
	5 puter platters and four Baysons 5 Spoons	3	1 9
	5 Brass Candle Sticks and one Brass pepper Box	1	1 0
	2 Cases of Knifes and forkes and a number of old forkes and Knife box	0	12 0
	2 meal Sives	0	5 0
	One Raser hone and Strap and Raser Case	0	5 0
	One old pare Scales and one Weight and 3 Iron Scures	0	2 9
	3 pr. Stilyards	1	10 0
	1 Coffey mill	0	4 0
	One Silver Cane head	0	3 0
	10 lb. 6 oz. of old puter *a* 1s. per lb.	0	10 3
	Amount carried forward	£521	16 4½

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	£	s	d
Amount brought forward	£521	16	4½
To One old Warming pan	0	6	0
Old pr. Belloses	0	2	0
22 Earthen plates	0	16	0
Sundrey baker Glassis and other glassis, one Chiney Bowl one Earthen Bowl, 3 Round bottles, 2 Glass flasks	1	3	6
One mettle Teapot, 2 Brass Candlesticks and one Earthen Bowl	0	8	0
Sundry Glassis and 2 Glass Canisters, 2 Vinegar Cruets	0	7	0
Sundry Read Earthen pans and pots	0	6	0
Sundry Trays and 2 milk pales	0	7	9
One Box Containg Some Sugar	0	6	0
One pr. Temple Specticles and one puter Ink Stand	0	7	0
1 Cheese and 2 Butter Tubs and Sundrey other articles	1	11	6
One Loom Slay and other Tackling	1	16	0
2 Stone gugs, 2 Case Bottles, Sundry other bottles and Vials	0	12	0
4 Baskets	0	4	9
A pr. Cards	0	3	6
2 old Sadles and one Bead Stead	1	7	0
2 Side Sadles, one *a* 60s. the other *a* 90s.	7	10	0
One Chest	0	5	0
A Quantity of flax and Toe, also Toe and Lining yarn	10	6	0
Seven Notes of hand amounting to	145	3	7
Cash	6	8	0
94 lb. of Raw hides, *a* 3d.	1	3	6
One Taned and one new Calf Skin	0	10	0
One Taler's Goos	0	9	0
Puter Bread pan	0	15	0
22 lb. of Flax, 10 lb. of it hacheled	1	7	0
A Parcel of Books	10	0	0
Two Bridels	0	12	0
	£716	9	5½

Taking the 28th June, A.D. 1777.

Thomas Remington,
William Matteson.

	£	s	d
One Cow Bell	0	8	0
Ballance Rec'd of John Reynold	0	12	9
1 Looking Glass black walnut Frame	1	4	0
	£718	14	2½

The Council Approved and Accepted of the Above Inventory the 28th day of June A.D. 1777.

Per Order J. JERAULD, Coun[l] Clerk.

Entered June the 30th, 1777.

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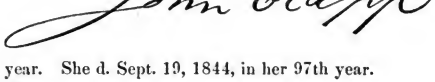
Children of SILAS and MARY (Greene) CLAPP, of Warwick, R. I.:

33. JOHN,[6] b. May 14, 1754; m. Aug. 31, 1775, Anne Waterman, of Coventry, who was b. May 27, 1748. He d. Sept 19, 1817, in



his 64th year. She d. Sept. 19, 1844, in her 97th year. Children:

34. *Silas*,[7] b. Aug. 29, 1776; m. Sylvania Andrew. He d. Oct. 8, 1853, in his 78th year. Children: **i.** *Ray*,[8] m. Ann E. Cleveland, of Providence, R. I., and had: (1) *George*,[9] m. Sarah Gray, of Newport, R. I., and has a dau. *Anne E.*[10]; (2) *Ellen M.*;[9] (3) *Elizabeth*;[9] (4) *Anne B.*;[9] (5) *Thomas*,[9] m. Salina Shaw, of Providence, and has a dau. *Florence M.*[10] **ii.** *Greene*,[8] m. Juliet, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Snelling) Fletcher, of Providence. Children: (1) *Matilda M.*;[9] (2) *William G.*;[9] (3) *Eleanor F.*,[9] m. Nathan Smith; (4) *Mary Snelling*,[9] m. John Sweet, and had two children; (5) *Sarah D.*,[9] m. John C. Sanborn, and had a son, and are now living in Dorchester District, Boston. **iii.** *Phebe*,[8] m. George Jenks, of Providence, and had two children. **iv.** *Ira*,[8] m. Margaret Brown; no issue. **v.** *Mary*,[8] m. William H. Dyer, and had a son, William H., Jr. **vi.** *Elizabeth*,[8] d. Oct. 25, 1832, in her 16th year.
35. *Mary Greene*,[7] b. Aug. 30, 1778; d. unm. Feb. 11, 1868, in her 90th year.
36. *John Greene*,[7] b. Aug. 8, 1780; d. Nov. 21, 1862, in his 84th year. He m. Catharine Godfrey, and settled in Abington, Conn., and his whole family still remain there. Children: **i.** *Mary A.*,[8] m. John Lyon, being his second wife, after the decease of her sister Almira, his first wife. **ii.** *Almira*,[8] m. John Lyon, of Conn., and had two children. **iii.** *Godfrey*.[8] **iv.** *Nehemiah R.*,[8] m. Eliza Auldrich, and has: (1) *John G.*,[9] who m. Emma Chapman; (2) *Sarah C.*;[9] (3) *Ellen L.*;[9] (4) *Mary*.[9] **v.** *Sarah H.*[8] **vi.** *Audry S.*[8] **vii.** *John W.*,[8] was in the 18th Conn. Reg't three years, during the War of the Rebellion, and returned without wounds; m. Olive Holt, and has: (1) *George L.*;[9] (2) *Theoron S.*;[9] (3) *Catharine C.*;[9] (4) *Anne L.*;[9] (5) *John E.*;[9] (6) *Eurvin Waterman*.[9]
37. *Thomas*,[7] b. March 26, 1782; d. Oct. 7, 1828, in his 47th year. He m. Hannah Smith, who d. Aug. 15, 1857, in her 69th year. Children: **i.** *James H.*,[8] is a dealer in boots and shoes in Holyoke, Mass.; m. Ruth A. Cogshall, and had one child, *Thomas H.*,[9] who d. Aug. 16, 1853, in his 10th year. **ii.** *Susan A.*,[8] m. William M. Brown, and had three children.
38. *Anna*,[7] b. Sept. 6, 1784; is still living in the old homestead where she was born, and where her life so far has been spent. She is still in tolerable health, patient and cheerful, and her 91st birth-day was celebrated by a small party of friends,

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MANSION HOUSE IN WARWICK, R. I.—RESIDENCE OF MR. WATERMAN CLAPP.

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Sept. 6, 1875. She was then able to come down stairs from her chamber to meet her friends.

39. *William*,[7] b. Jan. 24, 1786; m. in 1820, Mary Reynolds, who is still living, a. 78. He had no issue. He died much respected, in his 88th year, Oct. 31, 1873. Much information was obtained from him for these annals. The following is taken from a local paper: "Dying in Warwick, in his 88th year, he seldom, in all that time, went beyond the limits of his native State, and perhaps no man, in the communities where he has spent his long life, was more generally known. If we search for the causes of his prominence, we may find them in his strong, positive nature, and in his sturdy uprightness, which never, in all his long life, allowed him to do wrong to any one, so that he has lived nearly ninety years without a stain upon his name. Those who knew him best, knew also, how tender and kind-hearted he was, and how a deed of cruelty or oppression would make his indignation break out in a torrent. For perhaps forty years, he was book-keeper in a Centreville manufacuring establishment, and though his salary was small, habits of strict personal economy enabled him to save the foundation of a competence. In his earlier years there, it was his custom to lend his annual savings to his employers; but after a few years, they refused longer to keep his money, fearing, perhaps, he would soon own the establishment. Though not technically an educated man, his strong common sense and keen observation brought him fruits which scholars may well desire. Perhaps no man more than he has proved the worth of a few strong instincts and a few plain rules."

40. *Waterman*,[7] b. April 18, 1788; m. Eliza Woodward, of Providence, who d. March 22, 1826, in her 33d year. He is still living in the old homestead at Warwick, R. I., with his sister Anna, and his two daughters. Waterman is of the third generation of the name who have occupied the house and very extensive farm belonging to the original owner, John Greene. When the house was built it was of one story, with only a kitchen, bedroom and closet; another story and L were afterwards added, which, with an addition on the west end, and another still later on the east end, entirely modernize it as compared with its original appearance. The inside of the house, however, still retains an ancient aspect, being stocked with many old and interesting articles of furniture and household utensils, silver, china and pewter dishes, a watch, clock,*

* The eight-day clock, mentioned in the inventory of Silas, in 1777, and there valued at £21, is still running and in Waterman's possession. Some of the older members of the family were told, in their younger years, the story of the purchase of this clock from the proceeds of the sale of an ox named "Golden." A worthy old colored woman in the family, called Binah, was frequently in the habit, when the clock struck, of saying, "Old 'Golden' roars."

One large gentleman's chair, with a modern outside finish, but having on it the date of 1694, is now in use in this house and would be an ornament to any parlor. It has a large, four-cornered seat, none of the corners being rounded, and one of them directly in front, the unjointed solid piece of wood which composes the arms being also angular behind and somewhat projecting, and the whole fitting neatly into the corner of the room.—Also an elegant dining table, the centre or stationary part a foot in width and four feet long, and

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&c. &c., belonging to and transmitted with the old house.* Not many rods from the house is the family cemetery, a square lot less than a quarter of an acre, surrounded by a solid stone wall, in excellent condition. It has no interments previous to that of Silas in 1777. A well-proportioned monument of Italian marble, of recent construction, with a shaft of about eight feet, is conspicuous, and may be seen at a distance outside. On its four sides are the names of: Mary G., d. Feb. 11, 1868, in her 90th year; William, d. Oct. 31, 1873, in his 88th year; Marcy, d. Dec. 9, 1873, in her 82d year; Anna [now living, aged 91, and mentioned above as residing in the house near by]. Marble stones and epitaphs to the memory of others of the family are around, and headstones mark the places of interment of faithful servants (black and white, including old Binah, mentioned below) who have died in the service of the family. On a recent visit to this most interesting homestead, by one of the committee on the publication of this Memorial, no spot awakened such deep emotions as this sacred inclosure. Mr. Waterman Clapp attended the Clapp Gathering at Boston, in 1873. Children: **i.** *John*,[8] d. unm. Sept. 4, 1870, in his 51st year. **ii.** *Anne A. W.*,[8] m. Stephen Tiffany, of Conn., and has a child. **iii.** *Marcy S. W.*,[8] lives with her father in the old homestead. She has furnished much valuable information for this Memorial. **iv.** *Mary M. G.*,[8] also at home with her father.

41. *Marcy*,[7] b. May 19, 1792, lived to her 82d year, and was universally esteemed by all who knew her for her quiet, womanly qualities. She d. unm. Dec. 9, 1873, and the funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Meder, Mrs. Charles Earle and Mrs. Huldah Bede, all approved ministers of the Society of Friends; the former, in her 82d year, delivered a very acceptable discourse on the occasion. The following obituary is taken from a Rhode Island paper:

"Marcy was innocent, humble, patient, and possessed the kind of love that knew no evil. So unassuming and so unobtrusive we should look for a higher virtue than dwells in ordinary hearts. She lived by faith in the Gospel, and her very nature was temperized with a mildness and serenity that flows only from that source. Kind and generous, she was a friend to the poor and destitute, and her hand was ever open to relieve their wants. Possessed of strong mental powers and a retentive memory, she held in her mind many of the events of the family, the neighborhood, and the country, and it was interesting to listen to her rehearsals of them. The

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the hinged or falling leaves large enough to make a circle when raised, now stands in the centre of the large parlor, apparently not having had a break or a scratch during its service of more than a century.

* Near Waterman's house, on the Cowheset road, is the site where formerly stood what was known as the "Clapp school-house," erected in 1798, the first one in that part of Warwick, and paid for by private subscription. According to Mr. Clapp's recollection, it cost but $150, and the shareholders numbered twenty, who paid the expenses of carrying on the school. This house was occupied over thirty years, and fifteen years afterwards in 1845, the first public school was established. The old building was bought by Waterman Clapp, moved on to his land, and used for a small tenement till some few years since, the crumbling cellar walls being still seen on the spot.

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last few days of her life she was specially blest and comforted in the belief and hope of a blessed immortality, and she quietly passed away to realize what she had so long held in sacred anticipation."

42. PHEBE,[6] b. about 1756; d. unm. Sept. 28, 1795, in her 40th year.
43. DANIEL,[6] b. about 1759; m. first, Elizabeth, dau. of Robert Bailey; second, Isabel, sister of his first wife. He settled in Pomfret, Conn. Children by first wife:
    44. *Daniel*,[7] lived in Pomfret, Conn., where his family still reside. He was a Quaker preacher. He m. Sarah Albro, of Newport, R. I. Children: I. *Silas*.[8] II. *David*,[8] m. Phebe A. Harrington, and has: (1) *William H.*,[9] served three years in the War of the Rebellion, and now lives in Nebraska; he m. Mary Shove, and has a daughter; (2) *Thomas C.*,[9] m. Julia Warner, they live in Nebraska, and have one child. III. *James*,[8] m. Emily T. Wheeler, and has: (1) *Mary Elizabeth*,[9] (2) *Sarah*.[9] IV. *Elizabeth*,[8] now living in Brookline, Mass., and is Matron of the Infant Asylum there.
    45. *Mary*,[7] m. Jeremiah H. Bailey, and had two sons; is now living in E. Greenwich, R. I., in her 85th year.
    46. *Elizabeth*,[7] now dead; m. Obed Dennis, and had nine children.

    Children of Daniel[6] by second wife:

    47. *Joseph*,[7] lives in Pomfret, Conn.; he owns the famous "Wolfden" farm, containing the den from which the brave Gen. Putnam, as related in the school-books of former years, drew out the savage wolf which he had so fearlessly attacked and slain—now a popular resort for tourists; m. Susan Dennis. Children: I. *Joseph D.*,[8] m. Amey A. Massa. II. *Phebe A.*[8]
    48. *Phebe*,[7] m. William Reynolds. She is now living at Kingston, R. I., aged 80 years.
    49. *Anne*,[7] now dead; m. George C. Kenyon, and had one son.

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THOMAS[5] (*John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), youngest child of John and Eliza Douglas (Quimby) Clapp, of Westchester, N. Y., and brother to the preceding, was born in Westchester, Feb. 25, 1722. According to tradition, he moved first to Horseneck and thence to Lagrange, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where his family was raised and where he passed the remainder of his life. Thomas Clapp was a farmer, and, like his brother John, a "Friend."

Children of THOMAS CLAPP, of Lagrange, N. Y.:

50. JESSE T.,[6] probably never married; his sister or mother kept house for him. It is related that he bought a farm, and kept a large number of geese; that he paid for the farm in goose feathers, there being a contract that he should pay a certain number of pounds per year. He d. June 27, 1824, at the house of his sister Mary.
51. JOHN,[6] emigrated to Ohio about the first of this century, but, on account of sickness and other misfortunes, was obliged to return

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home. He came all the way afoot, accompanied by his wife. They then moved into Canada, and are supposed to have descendants living in that country.

52. PHEBE,[6] m. Mr. Dean, an Indian Agent; a son Thomas was also Indian Agent.

+53. JAMES,[6] b. April 1, 1756; d. March 12, 1826.

54. RAY,[6] b. in 1758; d. Oct. 21, 1762.

55. DORCAS,[6] b. in 1759.

56. WILLIAM,[6] b. in 1760. Nothing is known of his history, but some of his children are supposed to have settled in Canada.

57. MARY,[6] b. May 1, 1763; d. Sept. 22, 1832; m. April 16, 1786, James Alley, who d. March 8, 1845. They lived in Dutchess Co., and had eleven children.

58. RAY,[6] b. March 20, 1765; never married; lived with his relatives.

59. ELIZABETH,[6] m. Andrew Skidmore, and lived in Dutchess Co., where her descendants still reside. She d. in November, 1838.

60. HANNAH,[6] b. in 1774; m. Mr. Parmer, and has descendants living in Dutchess Co.

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JOSEPH[5] (*Elias*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), oldest son of Elias Clapp, was born and lived in Westchester, N. Y., or Greenwich, Conn.

Children of JOSEPH CLAPP:

61. JESSE I.,[6] d. in old age at the house of his son Isaac; m. and had:

62. *Isaac B.*,[7] b. July 1, 1786; d. Oct. 10, 1837. He was a well-to-do farmer in Dutchess Co., and m. Nov. 29, 1809, Phebe Berry, b. Aug. 11, 1780, and d. May 15, 1861. Children: **i.** *Peter B.*,[8] b. April 21, 1812; lives in Lagrange, Dutchess Co.; m. Dec. 16, 1835, and has: (1) *Isaac P.*,[9] b. March 4, 1839—went to Texas in 1865, and for the last six years has been Sheriff of Bryon, Brazos Co., Tex.; (2) *Mary P.*,[9] b. Nov. 22, 1840; (3) *John P.*,[9] b. Jan. 22, 1846, d. Oct. 1, 1848. **ii.** *Mary*,[8] b. Aug. 8, 1814. **iii.** *Nathaniel B.*,[8] b. May 9, 1817; an energetic young man, whose enterprising spirit carried him to Wisconsin where he settled on a farm; he came to an untimely death by an accident on a railroad train, leaving: (1) *Isaac*,[9] who d. in 1874, aged 21 years; besides two daughters. **iv.** *George W.*,[8] b. Nov. 25, 1819; unmar. **v.** *Isaac J.*,[8] b. May 20, 1822; no issue. **vi.** *Annis*,[8] b. May 29, 1825; d. Jan. 22, 1834. **vii.** *Susan*,[8] b. April 28, 1828; m. Mr. Storms, and had two children. **viii.** *Jesse J.*,[8] b. Jan. 3, 1831; unm. **ix.** *Annis*,[8] b. Aug. 27, 1835; m. Mr. Storms, no children.

63. JOSEPH.[6]

64. ELIAS,[6] m. and had:

65. *John*.[7]

66. NATHANIEL.[6]

67. BENJAMIN.[6]

68. JAMES.[6]

+69. HENRY.[6]

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THOMAS[6] (*John*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), fourth son of John and Alice (Allen) Clapp, of Greenwich, Conn., was born in that place, Oct. 6, 1744. He adopted the religious principles of his father, and became a prominent member of the Society of Friends.* Being the only surviving son, he inherited the house built and occupied by his father, together with the large farm belonging to it. He lived there during the whole of his life, and, being a prudent and careful manager of his affairs, added by purchase to his already extensive property until he acquired the reputation of a man of wealth.† He married, Jan. 20, 1779, Elizabeth Vail, who died May 13, 1820; they had no children. He was cousin of John Clapp, the

* The Society of Friends, more generally known as Quakers, originated in England, as a body of Christian professors, about the middle of the 17th century. George Fox, born in 1624, and brought up in the Established Church, was one of the chief leaders in forming the Society. In consequence of the persecutions very soon encountered in England, emigration of individual members to New England early began. In 1655, two of them arrived in Boston, and the next year, eight more came over. These were all taken up by the colonial authorities, the books they brought with them made a bonfire of in the market-place, and their owners kept in prison several weeks and then banished from the country. The next year a law was passed forbidding masters of vessels to bring a Quaker into the colony; people were prohibited from harboring or countenancing them, and a fine was imposed upon any one who should attend a Quaker meeting. From that time till the year 1661, the cruel persecutions, and punishments even unto death, which were inflicted upon those calling themselves Quakers, can now be thought of but with regret and shame, and can only be explained by considering them the natural result of the spirit of the age in which they occurred. In September, 1661, Charles II. issued a mandamus forbidding any further infliction of such severe punishments on the Quakers in the Massachusetts Colony. The Rhode Island Colony, in consequence of a greater toleration of all differences in religious belief, invited large numbers to settle there, and many converts to their faith were here received from other denominations. Under the patronage of William Penn, who early became an advocate and leader of the new sect in England, many left that country and settled in Pennsylvania. He himself came over in 1682, having obtained a patent from the crown for the territory now forming the State of Pennsylvania. Although in his two visits to this country his stay was confined to only about four years, yet by his celebrated treaty of peace and friendship with several powerful tribes of Indians—the only treaty, it has been said, "never sworn to and never broken"—and by his just and benevolent conduct as governor and in his other transactions here, he endeared his name and memory to succeeding generations. The scornful and persecuting spirit which two centuries ago was shown towards the religion he professed has long since passed away.

Yearly Meetings were very early established by the Quakers, for discipline and general oversight. This discipline has been exercised against misconduct among members, as well as against erroneous doctrines. In Rhode Island, these Yearly Meetings were held at the house of Gov. Coddington until his death in 1678. In 1703, the first meeting-house of the Friends was erected at Newport, and the Yearly Meeting for New England was then established at that place, where it has ever since been held. In the year 1827, a separation took place in the Society in this country—one party, under the leadership of Elias Hicks (born March 19, 1748, died Feb. 27, 1830), objecting to certain doctrines which the orthodox party held to be sound and edifying. Distinct Yearly Meetings were established, by each, both claiming the name of Friends.

The Society of Friends has never been a numerous body, compared with other religious denominations. Probably no accurate returns have ever been made, but the number has been estimated at 100,000 in England and about as many more in this country. The latter may perhaps in round numbers be divided as follows, among the States where they are principally found: Pennsylvania, 23,000; Indiana, 20,000; Ohio, 14,000; New York, 10,000; Rhode Island, 8,000; Maryland, 8,000; Virginia, 6,000; North Carolina, 3,000.—From early times many of the descendants of Dr. George Gilson Clapp have been numbered among them; but very few have been found in the other lines of the Clapps.

† He was one night called to the door of his house by robbers, who demanded his money in a peremptory manner. Thomas pretended deafness, and commenced to direct them to some place further along on the road; but they persisted in their demands, and matters were getting somewhat hot, when he stepped to the stairs door and called, "James! John! Nicholas!" which frightened the robbers away, they thinking there were a number of men in the house.

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father of Waterman (No. 40), now living in Warwick, R. I. Waterman remembers visiting him, in Greenwich, when a young man. He says the house in which Thomas lived was, as he was told, the first built in the place, and was originally of one story, with only two rooms and a closet, and a stone chimney on the outside. Afterwards Thomas's father John added two more rooms on the same story, and when it came into Thomas's possession he made another similar addition, so that the house was a very long one-story building. By Thomas's will, it passed into the hands of his nephew, Thomas Carpenter, who intended to build an elegant house on the spot, but his death in middle life prevented, and *his* son Richard B. Carpenter sold it to the present owner, George W. Mead. The house has still but one story, the only change being the addition of a brick kitchen, in place of the one of wood. The Rye Pond, included in his estate and alluded to in the will annexed, is situated in the State of New York (his property lying along and on both sides of the boundary between that State and Connecticut*). It is said to have been desired as a source of water supply for the city of New York, but Thomas declined selling it on account of serious damage apprehended to his neighbors by some overflow which would be brought about. Thomas Clapp possessed in a large measure the benevolence and kindness of heart which form so prominent a trait in the Quaker character, and his generosity was not confined by bounds of blood or sect. One who knew him says of him: "He was a farmer of good standing in society, and honest in dealings with others, and very good to the poor of his neighborhood; plain in his dress and address, and a good neighbor to all." He died March 1, 1828, aged 87 years.

WILL OF THOMAS CLAPP, OF GREENWICH, CONN.

This is the last Will and Testament of me Thomas Clapp, of the town of Greenwich, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, being of sound deposing mind, memory and understanding, which Will I make as follows. Viz.: First I order and direct my Executors hereafter mentioned to pay and discharge all my just debts, funeral expenses, and the charges of proving and executing this my Will. I then give and devise unto my nephew Thomas Carpenter, his heirs and assigns all my Homestead Farm, lying on the west side of the Kings Street Road, containing about two hundred and fifty acres with the buildings and appurtenances thereunto belonging, except the back room with fire-place and chamber, which privilege I reserve for my niece Deborah Pugsley, so long as she remains single or unmarried. Also said Thomas Carpenter shall furnish her with firewood cut up at the door dureing the continuance of this privilege. I likewise

* While on the visit alluded to above, Waterman was shown one spot on the estate of Thomas Clapp where the boundary line of Greenwich, Conn., was touched by the corners of three towns in New York State, viz., Rye, Harrison and Northcastle, a boundary stone being in the centre. Thomas was fond of showing this spot to his visitors. He would take them to the stone, stand by its side, stoop over it, and, spreading out both arms, boast of his being in these four towns at once.

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order and direct said Thomas Carpenter to pay out to his Brothers and Sisters One hundred Dollars each. I then give and devise unto Thomas and Allen, sons of my nephew William Sutton, the whole of my land lying on the East side of Kings St. Road, with the Mill and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, to be equally divided between them or occupied jointly; said land with the Appurtenances is devised to them their heirs and Assigns forever, they paying out to their four sisters Two Hundred Dollars each. I then give and devise unto my Nephew and Niece, John and Mary Sands, Jun., to their heirs and assigns, all that Farm with the appurtenances which I purchased from the heirs of Peter Lyon, deceased, with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging. I also give and devise unto Ezra Carpenter, and Solomon Hewland, Jun., trustees of the School appointed by Purchase preparative meeting, and to their successors in that trust forever, who shall be from time to time appointed by said meeting, all that certain tract of land lying back of Rye Pond containing near or more than One hundred and fifty acres, to be and remain a permanent fund, the annual proceeds arising therefrom to be employed to the benefit of Schooling the Children of Friends in limited circumstances, and the Children of others in the neighborhood of said school who may not be members of Society, who may be in straitened circumstances, and who are willing to comply with the rules of the school. Then I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Carpenter, Two Thousand Dollars. I also give and bequeath unto my seven Nephews and Nieces, being children of my said Sister Mary Carpenter, viz., John, William, Charles, Joseph, Martha, Sarah and Dorcas, Three Thousand Dollars each. I then give and bequeath unto Phebe, wife of James Field, One Thousand Dollars, and to her son Thomas, One Thousand Dollars, and Two Thousand dollars, to be equally divided among their other children. I then give and bequeath unto the five children of my nephew William Sutton, viz., to John, Five hundred dollars, to Phebe, Mary, Alice and Elizabeth, One hundred dollars each. I also give and bequeath unto Benjamin Cornel's five Children, by his former wife Alice, Three hundred dollars each, and to Silas's son Thomas, five hundred dollars, to be placed on Interest until he becomes of age. I then give and bequeath unto James Nash, Eight hundred dollars, and to Sarah, wife of Jonah Brundage, Eight hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath unto William Cornel's Children, Five hundred dollars, to be equally divided among them. I also give and bequeath unto John Sherman's two Children, Two hundred and fifty dollars each. I likewise give and bequeath unto Deborah Pugsley Two Thousand five hundred dollars. I then give and bequeath unto Richard, Sarah and Wm. Pugsley, Five hundred dollars each. I also give and bequeath unto my Niece, Mary Sands, Five hundred dollars. I then give and bequeath unto the Children of Thomas Vail, Five hundred dollars, to be equally divided among them. I give and bequeath unto the Children of my Nephew John Carpenter, One Thousand dollars to Aaron, Five hundred to be divided among the others. I also give and bequeath unto the children of my three nephews, viz., William. Joseph and Charles Carpenter, Three Thousand dollars, to be equally divided among them. I then give and bequeath unto the children of my Nephew Jesse Sutton, Two Thousand and five hundred dollars, to be equally divided. I give and bequeath unto the two Daughters of my Uncle Thomas Clapp, viz., the Wives of Skidmore and Alley, Five hundred dollars each. I also give unto the children of their Brother James Clapp, Five hundred dollars, to be equally divided among them. I likewise give and bequeath unto the chil-

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dren and grand-children of my uncle Silas Clapp, late of Rhode Island, Deceased, the sum of Two Thousand dollars, to be equally divided among them. I also give and bequeath unto the children and grand-children of my Uncle Edward Hallock, Three Thousand dollars, viz. to Clement Sands, Five hundred dollars, and Two Thousand Five hundred dollars to be equally divided among the rest. I then give and bequeath unto the Wife and Children of Nathaniel Higley, Six hundred dollars to be equally divided among them. I also give and bequeath unto the children of James and Anna Brush, One Thousand dollars, to be equally divided among them. I then give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Underhill and her son Mott, Two hundred and fifty dollars each. I also give and bequeath unto Mary Fowler Two hundred dollars. I then give and bequeath unto Hannah, wife of Caleb Paulding, Two hundred and fifty dollars. I next give and bequeath unto the Trustees appointed by the following Preparative Meetings respectively, to the Superintendents of their schools and to their successors in that trust, forever, to be from time to time appointed by said meetings, One Thousand dollars, to those appointed by each of the following meetings, viz.: Purchase, Mamaroneck, Westchester, Middlesex, Chappaqua, Northcastle, Croton valley, Ammawalk, Croton, Peekskill and Salem, being Eleven Thousand dollars, to be and remain permanent funds, and placed at interest with good security by said Trustees, and the interest arising therefrom to be employed in Schooling the Children in limited circumstances and other poor children in the neighborhood of such schools without distinction, who may be willing to comply with the rules of the schools. I also give and bequeath unto the Treasurers of the following Monthly Meetings, viz., Purchase, Chappaqua and Ammawalk, and to their successors in that trust forever, to be appointed by one day Meeting, Five hundred dollars each, to be and remain permanent funds, the Interest only to be used at the discretion of one day Meeting. I then give and bequeath unto the children of Mary Pugsley One thousand Five hundred dollars, to be equally divided amongst them. I next give and bequeath unto the Treasurer of Nine-partners Boarding School, and to his successors in that trust forever, One Thousand dollars, to be and remain a permanent fund, the interest arising therefrom to be employed from time to time for the benefit of said school. I likewise give and bequeath unto the Children of Sister Dorcas, Two Thousand dollars, to be equally divided among them. I then give and bequeath unto James, Son of Patrick M'Kay, Two hundred and fifty dollars. I next give and bequeath unto the children and grand-children of my Uncle Silas Clapp, in addition to what I have given them above, One Thousand dollars, to be equally divided. I then give and bequeath unto the Treasurer of the three following Monthly Meetings, in addition to the bequests made above, viz.: Purchase, Chappaqua and Ammawalk, Five hundred dollars each, to be employed as above directed. I also give and bequeath the additional sum of Five hundred dollars to John Sutton, son of William Sutton. I lastly give and bequeath unto the children and grand-children of my two Sisters, Dorcas and Mary, all and single of the residue of my Personal Estate, of every description, to be equally divided among them. Be it understood, and it is my will that if any of the before-mentioned Legatees shall decease, leaving no lawful issue, their shares of property therein divided or bequeathed, shall be equally divided among their surviving Brothers and Sisters; be it further understood and it is my will, that in the distribution of the property herein bequeathed, such as Legacies to individual bequest, or donations to public institutions, where the Interest is only to be employed,

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that my hereafter named Executors are hereby directed to cause transfer of such notes, bonds or obligations to be a circulating medium, to discharge or pay such Legacies and bequests, and especially when it would not distress an honest Debtor to be suddenly called upon for the money. I then nominate and appoint my Nephews, William Sutton, William Carpenter, Thomas Carpenter and James Field Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this twenty-second, of the Fifth month, called May, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and twenty-seven.

THOMAS CLAPP [and a Seal].

Signed, Sealed, delivered, acknowledged and declared in the presence of us,

Samuel Miller,
James T. Carpenter,
Job Carpenter.

I certify the preceding to be a true copy of the Will of Thomas Clapp, deceased, and of the Certificate of the proof thereof.

EBENEZER WHITE.

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GILBERT[6] (*James*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]) was born about the year 1740. From coincidences of dates and names, it is conjectured that he was a son of James Clapp, of Westchester Co., N. Y. At some period of his life, probably with his grown up sons, he removed to Kinderhook, N. Y., and died there in 1812, being over 70 years of age.

Children of GILBERT CLAPP, probably of Westchester, N. Y.:

70. JAMES,[7] he probably removed after maturity to Kinderhook, N. Y., and d. there over 70 years of age.
71. EDA,[7] went with his father and brother to Kinderhook, and d. there also over 70 years of age.
+72. CORNBURY.[7]
73. MARY.[7]
74. HANNAH.[7]
75. ANNA.[7]
76. AZUBAH.[7]

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JAMES[6] (*Thomas*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), third son of Thomas Clapp, of Lagrange, N. Y., was born April 1, 1756. He married, Dec. 28, 1780, Phebe Haight,* who was born July 17,

* It was the custom in those days for a father to give his daughter, on the occasion of her wedding, a female slave to do her house-work, and one called "Black Betta" was given by Mr. Haight to his daughter Phebe. Her first child, Jacob, has said that in his younger days Betta took the principal care of him, he sleeping with her more than with his own mother. Also one of the earliest things Jacob remembered distinctly was that while living with his grandfather Clapp, when about three years old, he was going down to the brook where "Black Betta," the slave, was washing. On a log on which he had to cross the

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1750. James was brought up and perhaps born in Lagrange, Dutchess Co. He probably lived with his father till about the year 1786, when he moved to the town of Clinton, N. Y., and purchased the farm that he remained on most of his days. James Clapp was a member of the Society of Friends. He is described as a large, fleshy man, not over tall, with a very red face; quick in his motions, but a very awkward teamster, always whipping his fast horse.* He had a strong will and was very set in his own way, but willingly acknowledged an error when proved to be in the wrong. He was a strict temperance man for those days, and when on the road if he stopped at a tavern would call for a lump of sugar, for which he paid, being unwilling to accept of hospitality without paying for it. An old acquaintance of James relates that he was once present at a law-suit, and among the witnesses called was "Uncle Jimmie," as Mr. Clapp was sometimes familiarly called by his neighbors. He looked troubled when it was suggested to have him sworn, as it is against the rules of Friends to take an oath. The Justice understood the matter at a glance, and said: "Let Uncle Jimmie tell his story, he will tell the truth without being sworn." Having had few educational advantages in his youth, the introduction of the decimal system of currency, when he was well advanced in life, rendered matters of money and trade a difficulty to him; but no feelings of pride hindered his attending a night school, and taking his sons with him, to learn that method. He went down to see his cousin Thomas Clapp, of Greenwich, Ct., a few years before his own death. About two years after his death, a letter came to his address which his sons took from the office; it proved to be from the Executors of Thomas, informing James that there was money left to him, by the will of his rich cousin lately deceased (see p. 297). He died at the house of his sister, Mrs. Mary Alley, in Lagrange, March 12, 1826. His wife, Phebe, died Dec. 16, 1827.

Children of JAMES and PHEBE (Haight) CLAPP, of Clinton, N. Y.

77. JACOB,[7] b. in Lagrange, Dutchess Co., April 21, 1782; m. Nov. 23, 1804, Sarah Stringham, who was born July 17, 1784. His father moved to the town of Clinton about 1786, where he was brought up. He lived with his father about two years after his marriage, and his oldest child, Phebe,[8] was born there. About

brook, he was met by his grandfather's large dog, who crowded him into the brook. Black Betta came to the rescue and pulled him from the water. Betta was liberated, but always staid with and considered herself one of the family. She used to tell very often how she had the Haight spunk.

* One day he had been down to Salt Point to mill, had returned nearly home and commenced descending a long hill in sight of his house. In going over a slight ridge made to throw the water over to the side of the road, his whiffletree bolt came out and his horses started. The pole dropped, and in some way the horses got to one side, and the wagon passed them; the lines, which were rope ones, doubtless, pulled over their heads, and the old gentleman held on, *the wagon running away with the horses*. His folks heard an unusual noise, looked and saw James coming, his broad-brim hat turned up in front by the wind, his wagon rolling down the hill at a break-neck pace, and the horses following behind. The wagon kept the road till at the foot of the hill, when it made a short curve and ran into the fence. No damage was done.

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the year 1806, he moved to the town of Rensselaerville, Albany Co., where the rest of his children were born. In the spring of 1825, he moved to Monroe Co., N. Y.—lived in Wheatland two years, and in Avon, Livingston Co., one; from which latter place he moved to North Rush, Monroe Co., N. Y., where he had purchased a large farm of the Wadsworths. This was but slightly cleared,* but had five log houses put up by squatters; three of these he moved together to make a home for his large family. In these he lived for ten years, when he erected a frame house. When Jacob purchased his farm, he had the promise of some money from a friend to assist him, but from fear that the Wadsworths would not be able to give a good title, the promise was not kept. This caused him a great deal of trouble, and he came very near losing all he had. But, finally, the tide turned, and he was able to secure his place, making several additions, and purchased land in Orleans Co., N. Y. and in Michigan. Sarah, his wife, died Jan. 13, 1856, and in the spring of 1857 he married Maria Hinman. This marriage did not prove a very happy one for Jacob and his family. He died Sept. 7, 1863, in his 82d year. Children:

78. *Phebe*,[8] b. Oct. 21, 1805; d. unm. Aug. 6, 1842.
79. *Benjamin*,[8] b. April 29, 1807, in Albany Co., N. Y. Is a physician, and settled in Albion, N. Y., in 1834, where he practised his profession as long as his health allowed. He married, March 21, 1840, Laura Force, who was born in Attica, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1811, and d. in 1866. Has one dau., *Laura Adell*,[9] b. Oct. 1, 1846, who is living with her father.
80. *Isaac*,[8] b. Jan. 11, 1809; m. Nov. 25, 1840, Joanna Perry. She was b. June 4, 1817. Lives on part of the farm his father bought in Rush. Children: **i.** *Edwin P.*,[9] b. Aug. 22, 1842; m. Oct. 10, 1872, Ermina J. Hart, who was b. June 2, 1850; they live in North Rush, on part of his grandfather's farm. He has rendered important aid in preparing family records, and in procuring valuable information for the pages of this "Memorial." Child: (1) *Ernest Llewellyn*,[10] b. April 18, 1874. **ii.** *James G.*,[9] b. Feb. 26, 1844; enlisted, Aug. 31, 1862, as sergeant in 140th Reg't, N. Y. S. V.; was in the attack on Petersburg, and battle of the Wilderness; he fell at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, and his remains were brought home. **iii.** *Charles W.*,[9] b. July 20, 1857.
81. *Thomas*,[8] b. Feb. 28, 1811; m. Dec, 16, 1840, Mary Albertson. Moved to Barre, Orleans Co. (where his children were born), spring of 1841; and moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., spring of

* Soon after he bought his place, while on the road from his farm in Rush to Scottsville, his attention was called to the cries of—"The bear! the bear!" Looking up, he saw a large, black beer close by; the bear evaded him. Taking a horse from the wagon, he rode in pursuit. The bear went up the river about a mile, followed closely by Jacob. Coming on some men at work in a corn-field, they shouted, swung their hoes and turned the bear back. Securing a saddle from some place near which the bear passed, he followed again. Once, a large dog clinched the bear, in a place away from anything which could be used to attack it. The only satisfaction he could get was by kicking the bear. After a short struggle, the bear got away, and the dog dared not touch him again. A gun was given to Jacob, and coming up close he fired, but in his nervous haste missed him. His horse was perfectly fearless, jumped large ditches, and behaved in a manner worthy of a hunter. The bear was finally driven to the river (the Genesee), followed by large parties on both sides, who shot him, but not before he had swam the river for half a mile.

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1854, where he still resides. Children: **i.** *Charles Albertson*[9], b. Jan. 23, 1843; unm. and lives with his father. **ii.** *Emily Jane*,[9] b. March 11, 1845; m. April 18, 1867, John Graham, a merchant in Wayland, Allegan Co., Mich., where they now reside; have three sons, Frederick Wallace, Charles Albert and Harry Homer.

82. *James*,[8] b. Jan. 15, 1813; m. April 14, 1857, Elizabeth Washenburger, who was b. Feb. 24, 1826. James staid on the farm with his father till 1857; went first to Ohio and then to Mich., where he now lives at Lawton, Van Buren Co. Children: **i.** *Edward J.*,[9] b. Nov. 11, 1858. **ii.** *Hannah Sybilla*,[9] b. June 11, 1864.

83. *Samuel*,[8] b. Feb. 16, 1814; m. 1845, Sarah Jane DuBois, who was b. in Steuben Co., June 3, 1825, and d. in Victor, Ontario Co., Feb. 1864. Has lived in Mendon and Victor, and is now living in Ionia, Ionia Co., Mich. Children: **i.** *Jennie A. C.*,[9] b. in Mendon, Dec. 9, 1848; d. in Ionia, Dec. 21, 1874; m. Aug. 1, 1868, Henry Brewer, and had three children: Harry, b. Sept. 15, 1869; Nina, b. Aug. 10, 1871; and Frank, b. Oct. 19, 1873. **ii.** *Flora*,[9] b. in Victor, Nov. 26, 1852.

84. *Sarah F.*,[8] b. Jan. 28, 1816; m. Feb. 19, 1851, William Walker, a merchant in Rochester, N. Y., who was b. in Manchester, England, Nov. 7, 1812. Children: **i.** Franklin C., b. Jan. 31, 1852; is a lawyer in Rochester, N. Y. **ii.** Charles Jacob, b. July 13, 1853; d. Sept. 20, 1854. **iii.** Dannie S., b. Sept. 1, 1856. **iv.** James W., b. Oct. 17, 1859; d. Oct. 28, 1859. **v.** Sarah Matilda, b. Dec. 9, 1862.

85. *Nicholas*,[8] b. July 4, 1817; m. Nov. 11, 1852, Mrs. Charity A. Walker (née Cornell), who was b. in Morris Co., N. J., June 8, 1829. Has lived in Victor, Ontario Co., N. Y., where his children were born. Is now living in Mendon Centre, Monroe Co. The publishers are greatly indebted to him for valuable assistance in collecting records of the line of GEORGE GILSON. Children: **i.** *Esther A.*,[9] b. Nov. 26, 1853; m. Oct. 21, 1875, John Holdridge, who was b. at Honeoye Falls, Monroe Co., N. Y., where they now live. **ii.** *William C.*,[9] b. Nov. 7, 1857.

86. *David S.*,[8] b. Sept. 5, 1818; m. Oct. 18, 1844, Nancy Antoinette Martin; has lived in Oakfield, Genesee Co., and is now living in West Sparta, Livingston Co. Children: **i.** *Daniel E.*,[9] b. Aug. 9, 1846; d. Jan. 18, 1865. **ii.** *Martin J.*,[9] b. Jan. 3, 1849; m. Dec. 22, 1870, Rosellia Altuburg, and has: (1) *David E.*,[10] b. Sept. 26, 1871; (2) *Henry B.*,[10] b. Oct. 19, 1874. **iii.** *Phebe Eliza*,[9] b. June 16, 1850; m. Aug. 1, 1872, Wm. Darrow, and has two children: Florence Theresa, b. Sept. 17, 1873, and Elenora Adell, b. Sept. 22, 1875.

87. *Hannah*,[8] b. April 16, 1820; d. April 27, 1875, in Lawton, Mich., at the house of her brother James. Hannah remained on the farm with her father as long as he carried on the farm. Her kindness to the many grandchildren that used to gather there will long be remembered. She never married.

88. *Henry*,[8] b. July 22, 1822; m. Dec. 1, 1846, Hannah C. Case,

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who was b. in Irondequoit, Nov. 4, 1828. He has lived in Rush, Farmington and Scottsville, N. Y., and moved to Bedford, Calhoun Co., Mich., in 1864, where he now resides. Has one son: *Daniel A.*,[9] b. Feb. 12, 1852, in the town of Rush; moved to Harvard, Clay Co., Nebraska, in 1872, where he now lives.

89. *Mary J.*,[8] b. April 16, 1824; m. Feb. 22, 1849, Royal Green, who was b. in Vermont, March 29, 1825, and d. March 26, 1872. Mary lives on her father's homestead in North Rush, ten miles south of Rochester, N. Y. Has: **i.** Jacob Clapp, b. Oct. 11, 1850. **ii.** Sarah Adell, b. April 12, 1854. **iii.** Mary Emilie, b. Oct. 29, 1856. They all stay with their mother.

90. SARAH,[7] b. Dec. 15, 1784; d. Aug. 4, 1814, unm. Sarah took the terrible cold which terminated in her death by consumption, from rinsing the flaxen yarn which she was working at in a brook, after it had been in a bath of ashes and water. She was just recovering from the scarlet fever. Her dying words were taken down at the time, and have been preserved in the family in a manuscript of eighteen well-written pages, now in possession of Nicholas,[8] above-mentioned, nephew of Sarah,[7] and which has been kindly loaned to the publishers. It is entitled, "Testimony of James and Phebe Clapp, concerning their daughter, Sarah Clapp, of Creek Monthly Meeting, Ninepartners, State of New York." After giving the date of her birth—"15th of 1st mo. 1784"—and mentioning the innocency of her early life, it is stated that when at the age of about 22, she was visited with a severe illness, from which she recovered after a confinement of several weeks, "during which her mind became impressed with religious concerns." About the 30th year of her age, she was again attacked with sickness, from which she never recovered. The principal part of the "testimony" is devoted to the expressions of joyful trust and happy anticipations which fell from her lips, united with pious counsel and earnest exhortations to her relatives and all around her, whom she entreated to "live in the fear of the Lord," to be "faithful in the little," to "seek no great things," and to be sure and "keep to plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel." "She quietly breathed her last the 4th of 8th month 1814, aged 30 years and 8 months."

91. THOMAS,[7] b. Dec. 30, 1785; d. Oct. 13, 1850; m. April 26, 1810, Lydia Gifford, who was b. Oct. 28, 1785, and d. Oct. 18, 1836. Thomas lived and died near his father's homestead. Children:

92. *John G.*,[8] b. June 7, 1814; d. June 22, 1815.

93. *Sarah G.*,[8] b. April 17, 1816; m. Sept. 24, 1835, Hon. Shotwell Powell, who was born Oct. 3, 1808. Mr. Powell has represented his Assembly District one term in the Legislature. They lived first in Dutchess Co., and are now living in Bristol, Ontario Co., N. Y. Children: **i.** Thomas J., b. July 23, 1837; m. March 26, 1864, Emily Ewer, who was b. Oct. 9, 1843; lives near his father. **ii.** Israel M., b. Aug. 10, 1839; m. June 11, 1873, Edie Waters, who was b. May 24, 1840; lives with his father. **iii.** Lydia Ann, b. Aug. 7, 1841; m.

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Feb. 27, 1870, Wm. E. Lincoln, who was b. March 14, 1835; lives at Bristol Springs, Ontario Co.

94. *Anna P.*,[8] b. Dec. 25, 1820; m. Oct. 21, 1845, Ethan Browning, who was b. Nov. 1, 1815; live at Crum Elbow, Dutchess Co. Children: **i.** James C., b. July 8, 1846; m. May 22, 1872, Naomi Halstead, who was b. June 25, 1845. **ii.** Anna G., b. Sept. 20, 1847. **iii.** Charles P., b. May 9, 1849. **iv.** Theron M., b. Feb. 2, 1851. **v.** William J., b. Jan. 10, 1856.

95. *James G.*,[8] b. Nov. 12, 1823; d. Oct. 23, 1855; m. Nov. 5, 1851, Mary R. Doliz, who was b. Feb. 25, 1831. He left one son: **i.** *Egbert D.*,[9] b. Sept. 19, 1852; is clerk in a drug-store in Poughkeepsie.

96. *Nicholas T.*,[8] b. Nov. 20, 1828; m. Oct. 1853, Caroline Briggs; lives in Macedon, N. Y., and had two children, who died in infancy.

97. Nicholas,[7] b. June 12, 1788; d. June 8, 1834. Nicholas was the wag of the family. Were all his tricks and jokes told, they would fill quite a volume. He lived with his father and brother James, spending his time in Poughkeepsie and in Albany during the session of the Legislature. While at Albany one time, as he was walking the wharf, he was asked by a man to give him a job. Nicholas was very anxious to have the well pumped dry near where they were standing, and offered the man a dollar to do the job. The man accepted the offer, went to work with a will, flooding the wharf, and attracting the attention of the passers by. In answer to the inquiries as to what he was doing that for, he said that he was pumping the well dry. "Pumping the well dry!! You fool, do you think you can pump the North River dry? That pump goes into the river." He was anxious then to find his employer, on whom he wished to vent his terrible wrath. Nicholas had been watching him all the time from a second-story window overlooking the pump, laughing, as he always did at his victims, with a laugh that shook him all over. After enjoying it to his heart's content, he came down and settled with the man to his satisfaction, giving him fifty cents. Nicholas left his property to his nephews and nieces, giving those that were named after him a thousand dollars for their name. He died at Skaneateles, on his way home from a visit to his brother Jacob, in Rush.

98. Hannah,[7] b. June 4, 1790; d. March 28, 1823; m. April 25, 1816, Andrew Underhill; had no children. A singular occurrence in reference to Hannah's death was, after attending a funeral at the Crum Elbow meeting-house, she remarked to a friend at the grave that her remains would be laid there next. It was the custom there in the burying-grounds of the Friends to bury in rows, commencing at one side and filling up in regular order, regardless of families, and to stay at the grave till it was filled. Her prophecy proved true.

99. James H.,[7] b. April 13, 1792; d. Feb. 18, 1860; m. Oct. 26, 1815, Elizabeth Marshall. James lived and died on the farm that his father owned before him. He was very hospitable, and greatly enjoyed the society of his friends, with whom his house was often filled. Like his brother Nicholas, he was quite a joker. Eliza-

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beth, his wife, died in Mendon, Jan. 30, 1865. She was living with her youngest dau. Emily. Children:

100. *Hannah*,[8] b. Aug. 17, 1816; m. Oct. 22, 1840, Oliver P. Hull, who was b. Jan. 29, 1813. They moved to Mendon Centre, Monroe Co., N. Y., where they lived till her death, March 14, 1873. Hannah was well informed with regard to the genealogy of her family, and in all matters of family history; the records which she had gathered have been of much assistance in compiling this Memorial. Had: **i.** Elizabeth A., b. April 26, 1842; m. May 22, 1861, Alonzo D. Gazley, of Dutchess Co., who was b. April 29, 1836, and is now a merchant and postmaster at Mendon Centre. **ii.** Mary Emily, b. July 24, 1852; m. Feb. 7, 1872, Dr. Reuben E. Phillips, who was b. Nov. 22, 1848; live in Farmington, Ontario Co., N. Y.

101. *E. Hicks*,[8] b. March 17, 1818; m. Nov. 4, 1840, Catharine E. Allen, who was b. April 1, 1818; lives in Clinton Hollow, Dutchess Co., N. Y., near his father's and grandfather's homestead. Children: **i.** *William A.*,[9] b. Sept. 12, 1841; is employed in the office of the clerk of Westchester Co. **ii.** *Sarah Elizabeth*,[9] b. Oct. 6, 1843; m. Jan. 27, 1864, John W. Lattin, and d. Dec. 19, 1868; had: (1) Mary Louise, b. Jan. 5, 1865; (2) Hicks A., b. Jan. 28, 1867. **iii.** *George Henry*,[9] b. Sept. 21, 1845. **iv.** *James Edward*,[9] b. Dec. 10, 1849; m. Dec. 10, 1872, Elma S. Van Wagner. **v.** *Charles Augustus*,[9] b. Feb. 22, 1854.

102. *Samuel Huestis*,[8] b. July 11, 1820; m. Anna Frost; live in Brooklyn, N. Y., where Samuel is a Police Officer; they have: **i.** *Herbert*.[9] **ii.** *Henry*,[9]

103. *Justice Marshall*,[8] b. June 12, 1824; m. Hattie .....; has one daughter. Is a grocer in Brooklyn, N. Y.

104. *Mary*,[8] b. Jan. 2, 1830; m. James Allen, who is now dead: has four children: Julia, William, Mary Emily and James.

105. *Sarah E.*,[8] b. April 2, 1831; m. Jan. 13, 1868, Jacob Downing; resides at Half Moon Bay, San Mateo Co., Cal., Downing's Gate.

106. *Emily C.*,[8] b. Nov. 19, 1837; m. Feb. 16, 1864, Franklin Ewers, of Mendon, N. Y.; they reside near Bedford, Calhoun Co., Mich., and have three children: Elizabeth, b. Jan. 20, 1865, James and Adaline.

James[6] and his sons brought up their families in the Quaker faith; but, out of all his descendants, only Nicholas[8] (No. 85), Sarah[8] (No. 93), Anna[8] (No. 94) and Hannah[8] (No. 100), brought up theirs in the faith of their fathers, and the children of these latter have mostly married outside of the Friends Society.

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HENRY[6] (*Joseph*,[5] *Elias*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), seventh son of Joseph Clapp, was born in Westchester Co., N. Y., and removed to the vicinity of Albany, N. Y. He became an intimate friend of Gen. Van Rensselaer, known as "the Patroon," and, dy-

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ing when his children were quite young, he chose the Patroon* as the guardian of his eldest son. His wife was a native of Holland.

Children of HENRY CLAPP, of Albany, N. Y. (whose descendants use the letter K, instead of C, in spelling their name):

107. JOSEPH,[7] spent the first years of his life near Albany, N. Y. After acquiring all the preliminary education necessary, he was placed by his guardian, Gen. Van Rensselaer, in the office of Dr. Benjamin Rush,† of Philadelphia, then one of the most eminent physicians in this country. Having graduated with the highest honors as a physician, Dr. Rush, who had formed for his young pupil a strong personal attachment, advised him to settle in Philadelphia, which he did about the year 1805. He soon after married Anna Milnor, the daughter of William Milnor, a prominent citizen of Philadelphia and a warm personal friend of Gen. Washington, and sister to the Hon. James Milnor,‡ Dr. Klapp rose to great eminence in his profession, and was esteemed one of the most successful practitioners of his day. Besides being for a time Professor in the Jefferson College of Philadelphia, and Physician to the Philadelphia Hospital which the pressing cares of a very large practice compelled him to resign, he was the author of a number of essays upon important subjects in his profession, which were re-published in several European languages, rendering his reputation abroad almost as great as at home. He died suddenly in 1843, in the Court House at Phila-

* Stephen Van Rensselaer, LL.D., "the Patroon," was born in New York, Nov. 1, 1764, and died in Albany, Jan. 26, 1839. He was the 5th in lineal descent from Killiaen Van Rensselaer, the original Patroon, or proprietor, of a tract of land which in 1637 was twenty-four miles in breadth by forty-eight in length, extending over the greater part of Albany, Rensselaer and Columbia Counties, N. Y. In 1783, he married a daughter of Gen. Philip Schuyler, of Albany. Member of the Assembly in 1789, of the State Senate in 1790–5; Lieut.-Gov. 1795–1801; member of the Constitutional Convention of 1801, and most of the time its presiding officer. In 1801, he commanded the State Cavalry, with the rank of General; was in command of the New York militia on the breaking out of the war of 1812, and assaulted and took Queenstown, Canada, but was eventually defeated. He was again a member of the Legislature in 1816; in 1819, was elected a regent of the State University, and subsequently its chancellor; in 1821, a member of the Constitutional Convention; and member of Congress in 1823–9, where his vote caused the election of J. Q. Adams. In Nov., 1824, he established at Troy a scientific school for the instruction of teachers, incorporated in 1826 as the Rensselaer Institute. Fully one-half of its current expenses were borne by him, and he continued to aid it till his death —*Drake's Biographical Dictionary.*

† Benjamin Rush, M.D. (Edinburgh, 1768), LL.D., was not only distinguished through a long life as a physician, a professor and medical author, but as one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and an active participator in the important political events which succeeded the Revolution, he is ranked among the eminent men who secured our national independence and founded our Federal and State Constitutions. He was born near Philadelphia, Dec. 24, 1745, and died in that city, April 19, 1813. He studied medicine in Philadelphia, Edinburgh, London and Paris. During the prevalence of yellow fever in Philadelphia in 1793, Dr. Rush's labors were almost herculean, sometimes visiting and prescribing for not less than 100 patients in a day. His treatment was bold and decisive, and thereby, as maintained by Dr Ramsay, he was instrumental in saving the lives of many thousands of the inhabitants of Philadelphia. Cobbett, however, in his "Peter Porcupine's Gazette," so violently assaulted Dr. Rush and his treatment of this disease, that a suit was brought against him and a verdict of $5000 obtained. Dr. R. was Treasurer of the U. S. Mint from 1799 to his death. His writings are numerous. He was distinguished for philanthropy and piety, and for many of his last years was vice-President of the Philadelphia Bible Society.

‡ Hon. James Milnor was eminent as a lawyer and a member of Congress from Philadelphia, but afterwards entered the ministry of the Episcopal Church, and died while Rector of old St. George's, New York, of which he had been Rector for many years, honored and respected not only by all the New Yorkers, but by all who knew him personally or by reputation.

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delphia, while about to give testimony in a very important case, concerning the sanity of a wealthy patient. Dr. Klapp, like his cousin Allan (No. 18), was a gentleman *par excellence*, and impressed all who met him by his courtly manners and intellectual conversation. Children:

108. *Stephen Van Rensselaer*,[8] who d. in infancy.

109. *William Henry*,[8] was a physician, and practised for many years in Philadelphia; d. in 1855, at about the middle period of life, beloved by all who knew him; he m. Rebecca Devereux, and had: **i.** *Devereux*.[9] **ii.** *George Gilson*.[9] **iii.** *Frederick*.[9] **iv.** *William*.[9] **v.** *A daughter*,[9] m. Mr. Williams, and is now living in Rome, Italy. **vi.** *Laura*.[9] **vii.** *Bertha*.[9]

110. *Henry*,[8] a physician, and was for many years Physician to the Moyamensing Prison, afterwards to the Eastern Penitentiary, and who, besides being highly thought of as a successful practitioner, was a writer of considerable merit. He had in early life spent many years in travelling, especially in China and Brazil. He died without issue, broken down by the fatigues of his profession.

111. *Joseph*,[8] also a physician; he is now and has been for many years engaged in a large practice in Philadelphia. He has also been largely interested in the Howard Hospital and Infirmary for Incurables, the only institution of its kind in the world, of which he and his friend Dr. Partridge were the original founders—Dr. Klapp proposing the peculiar plan upon which it is founded; owing to its perfect system, the Infirmary is capable of doing an immense deal of good, and in its wards 8,555 patients were treated during the year ending March, 1875—during the twenty-two years of its existence, 113,627. Dr. Joseph Klapp m. Anna Pauline, dau. of John Van Lew, deceased, who was, up to the time of his death, an extensive and most prosperous hardware merchant in Richmond, Va., and who d. in 1843, beloved and esteemed most highly by all who knew him. Children: **i.** *Joseph*,[9] m. the dau. of Rev. Dr. Ingraham, of Mississippi, the author of "Prince of the House of David," and other works. **ii.** *John Van Lew*.[9] **iii.** *Harvey*,[9] d. some years ago. **iv.** *Wilbur Paddock*.[9] **v.** *E. Louise*,[9] m. Dr. B. F. Nicholls, late of South Carolina, now of Philadelphia. **vi.** *Anna Milnor*,[9] m. Theodore T. Lines, a merchant of Philadelphia. **vii.** *Ellen Franklin*.[9] **viii.** *Mary Pauline*.[9] **ix.** *Gertrude Hawkins*.[9]

112. *Anna Milnor*,[8] m. her cousin, Dr. Henry Milnor, of New York; she d. not many months afterwards.

113. *Mary*,[8] m. Rev. Mr. Whitesides, and left two children.

114. *Ellen*,[8] m. Rev. Thomas L. Franklin, D.D., now of Philadelphia; two sons and three daughters.

115. *Margaret*,[8] m. as a second wife, Dr. Henry Milnor, husband of her sister Anna M., deceased; two sons and one daughter, of whom but one, the Rev. Charles E. Milnor, of Berlin, Md., now survives.

116. *Rebecca*,[8] m. Samuel M. Mitchell, merchant, of Richmond, Va.; three sons and a daughter.

117. HARVEY,[7] lived for many years near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His

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brother Joseph, finding his practice too large to attend to alone, sent for his brother Harvey, who studied with him and became, like him, one of the most popular physicians in Philadelphia. The excessive labors of his profession were too great for his constitution, though naturally a strong one, and he died at about the age of 40, mourned over by a large circle of friends. He m. first, Rebecca Peltz, who was the mother of the children left; she dying, he m. second, Anna McKnight, the niece of Com. Decatur; she had no children, and survives him. Children by first wife:

118. *Mary*,[8] m. Richard W. Steel, merchant; she d. in about a year.
119. *Rebecca*,[8] m. as a second wife, Richard W. Steel, husband of her sister Mary, deceased.
120. *Gertrude*,[8] m. Howard Hinchman, merchant.
121. *Elizabeth*,[8] m. Capt. Stites, of the Navy, and is now dead.

122. JOHN,[7] in early life, began the study of medicine with his brothers in Philadelphia, but was for some reason diverted from the profession of his choice, perhaps by his marriage at the early age of twenty-one. His wife was a beautiful and accomplished dau. of Gen. Samuel A. Barker.* After the death of Gen. Barker, Mr. Klapp, his son-in-law, continued to occupy the old homestead—a large and valuable farm in Lagrange, Dutchess Co., N. Y., well known throughout the county as "the old Barker Place." On this farm, it is said, he raised the largest crop of wheat that had ever been raised in Dutchess Co. Here were born his four sons and one daughter. He afterwards engaged in business in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and finally went west to Ohio, but returned and died at the house of his only daughter, at Palmyra, N. Y., at the advanced age of 83, after a life of remarkable health. John Klapp served his country in the war of 1812, probably as Quartermaster, and he wrote from Camp Harlaem, "I shall soon return home, unless attacked by the British who are said to have 59 sail in the [Sound] below." In the winter of 1824, Mr. Klapp was sent to Albany, as a member of the Legislature. He was a life-long admirer of Clay, Webster and Hamilton. He heard Webster's celebrated reply to Gen. Hayne, and delighted to recall the imposing appearance and flashing eyes of the great orator. After Burr's fatal duel, Mr. K. once saw him in New York, and followed him from the Battery through the crowded streets to the upper part of the city, to see what notice he would receive from the public. But not one hat was raised in token of recognition or respect.

Children:

123. *Henry Augustus*,[8] also studied medicine; d. in Fishkill, N. Y.; he m. Nancy, dau. of James Grant, of Dover, N. Y.; she d. leaving one son: 1. *William H.*,[9] now a dry goods commis-

* A Revolutionary officer, and is said to have been a man of wealth, talents and influence. He served on the staff of Gen. Lafayette, and was present in that capacity at the victory of Yorktown. He is said to have been almost the only American officer who could converse with Lafayette in his native tongue. On Gen. Lafayette's second visit to this country, he inquired affectionately after his old friend and his children; and, at a reception given him in Waterloo N. Y., finding Pierre A. Barker a son of his old comrade, present, Lafayette insisted on his entering the carriage and taking a place by his side. Gen. Barker was also for many years a member of the New York Legislature.

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sion merchant, doing business in New York city; is m. and has: (1) *Eugene*;[10] (2) *Allan*;[10] (3) *Laurence*,[10] now dead.

124. *John Randolph*,[8] studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. Joseph Klapp, in Philadelphia; m. and went to the wilds of Ohio, where he raised a large family. He now resides in Illinois. Children: **i.** *Augustus*.[9] **ii.** *James*.[9] **iii.** *Edward*.[9] **iv.** *John*.[9] also several daughters.

125. *Edward Meritte*,[8] entered into the land speculations in Buffalo, N. Y., and at one time possessed a handsome fortune, but suffered, like many others, on the retreat of the wave, and finally died of consumption, in 1840, at Palmyra, N. Y., at the early age of 25 years.

126. *Philip Schuyler*,[8] youngest son of John Klapp, when he was about 17 years of age, went a sea voyage around the world. On his return, studied medicine in Ohio with his brother John Randolph, but d. of consumption at an early age, unm. Philip was called "the traveller" by the family. George Gilson's spirit seems to have migrated to this lineal descendant. In a letter of his, dated Galena, Ohio, written Dec. 30, 1840, he says of his recent voyage, "I made a complete passage round our little world; called at the East Indies; saw the anaconda, the enormous black whale in the Sea of Kamtschatka, the huge white bear at Bhering's Straits, the black swan at New Holland, the swift ostrich in the deserts of Africa; hunted the voracious condor on the plains of Chili; lassoed the wild horse about the gulf of California; shot the otter and beaver in the Russian possessions; paused to look at Cook's monument, at Owyhee, and to contemplate the volcano at Lomborch; and read Byron's poem of 'The Island' at Otaheite."

127. *Louisa M.*,[8] m. William F. Aldrich, a lawyer, and lives in Brooklyn, Long Island.

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CORNBURY[7] (*Gilbert*,[6] *James*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), youngest son of Gilbert Clapp, probably of Westchester Co., N. Y., married, first, Catharine Bishop, and settled in Greenville, Ct., where their children were born. She died early, and he married again about 1798, probably removing to Dutchess Co., N. Y., and thence to Kinderhook, in Columbia Co. He died of apoplexy, at the age of 60 years. He had four daughters not given below.

Children of CORNBURY and 1st wife CATHARINE (Bishop) CLAPP:

128. JAMES,[8] went to Ohio; nothing known of his history.

129. WILLIAM,[8] went to sea in a ship from New York, and was never heard from; the vessel was supposed to be captured by Turks.

+130. GILBERT,[8] b. in Greenville, Ct., May 8, 1792; d. March 9, 1873.

131. LEWIS.[8]

Children of CORNBURY and 2d wife:

132. JOHN,[8] b. in Dutchess Co., N. Y., about 1800; lives at Black River Falls, Wis. Children:

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133. *Nathan*,[9] living at Black River Falls, Wis.
134. *Oliver*,[9] resides at Denver City, Col. Terr.
135. *Lewis*,[9] now dead.
136. *Oscar F.*,[9] is a bookseller at Black River Falls, Wis.
137. ALEXANDER,[8] is now living at Kinderhook, Columbia Co., N. Y.

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GILBERT[8] (*Cornbury*,[7] *Gilbert*,[6] *James*,[5] *John*,[4] *John*,[3] *John*,[2] *George Gilson*[1]), third son of Cornbury and Catharine (Bishop) Clapp, was born in Greenville, Ct., May 8, 1792. When quite young he removed with his father and step-mother into New York State, and part of his childhood was probably spent in Kinderhook, as he remembered going to a school in which Martin Van Buren (afterwards President) was also a scholar. He was bound out, when but seven years old, to a man whose wife treated Gilbert with such cruelty that he ran away at the age of twelve, and shipped on board of a merchantman as cabin-boy. He served in the American navy for several months; afterwards went into the merchant service, and while in Liverpool, after a service of two years, was seized by a press-gang and taken on board an English frigate, where he remained over a year, when he escaped and entered the American service. At various times, he was on board the old frigate Constitution, the Chesapeake, the Hornet and the Wasp. He was a seaman sixteen years, visiting all the best known ports in both hemispheres, and for his courage and energy was made commander of a vessel. Gilbert afterwards removed to Onondaga County, N. Y., then to Tompkins County, N. Y., then to Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1845 went to Michigan. For twenty-eight years previous to his death, he was a farmer in the township of Battle Creek, in the County of Calhoun, Michigan. He died of apoplexy, March 9, 1873, nearly 81 years of age. At his death, and for some time previously, he had been a pensioner of the war of 1812, through which he served. The earlier part of his life was varied by many scenes of adventure, being in that time of strife previous to and during the war of 1812, and of piracy and the slave trade afterwards. In the peaceful, closing days of his life, he was fond of relating the capture of a slave trader, or some encounter with pirates, of rehearsing incidents in his life on an English frigate, as an impressed American seaman, as well as portraying vividly scenes of battle and personal encounter. He married, Aug. 6, 1811, Jane, daughter of Sir John Pattison, M. P. for Co. Monaghan, Ireland. She left her home with him, and they were married in New York. They lived happily together till her death in 1872.

Children of GILBERT and JANE (Pattison) CLAPP:

138. JOHN,[9] b. in 1816; d. in 1837, without issue.
139. WILLIAM,[9] b. in 1818; d. without issue in 1837.
140. EDNA ALDENA,[9] m. Mr. Aldrich, and lives in Dubuque, Ia.
141. LEWIS B.,[9] b. March 3, 1822; still living in Battle Creek, Mich.,

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where he went in 1845. He is at the head of the most extensive cigar manufacturing establishment in Southern and Central Michigan, and is also extensively engaged in the lumber trade. He m. Dotha A. Brundage. Children:

142. *Frank W.*,[10] b. Nov. 25, 1844; is an attorney at law; has been City Attorney of Battle Creek, and is the present Prosecuting Attorney of Calhoun Co. He m. Josephine A. Woolnough.

143. *Charles I.*,[10] b. May 23, 1855; is a commercial salesman, living in Battle Creek, Mich.

144. ELIJAH,[9] b. Jan. 16, 1825; went to Battle Creek, Mich., in 1845, and is still living at that place, where he is one of the prominent business men. Since 1848, he has been very largely engaged in the manufacture of wagons, carriages, &c., and his sales extend into nearly every State in the Union. He m. Susan Carr, and has:

145. *William*,[10] b. June 15, 1855; he is interested in business with his father in Battle Creek, Mich.

146. *Vietta*,[10] b. Jan. 28, 1858.

147. *Lulie*,[10] b. June 15, 1860.

148. JAMES,[9] b. in 1833; d. in 1834.

149. WESLEY G.,[9] b. Nov. 20, 1836; he is a farmer, and lives on the old homestead of his father in Battle Creek, Mich. He m. Alaphair Brundage. Children:

150. *Frederick*,[10] b. April 15, 1857; with his father.

151. *Lewis B.*,[10] b. Dec. 26, 1868.

152. *Earl*,[10] b. Dec. 25, 1874.

153. JANE,[9] d. young.

154. HENRIETTA.

The genealogical account of the GEORGE GILSON branch of the Clapp family in the hands of the compiler was very meagre when the printing of this work was begun. In answer to circulars and private letters sent out by the publishers, family records and traditional narrations have come to light and have been furnished with a willingness that shows the deep interest felt in the matter by this branch. This line, it will be seen, is not so numerous as some of the others, but much interesting matter in relation to individual members has been obtained and is now for the first time printed. In addition to what has been received from private sources, the following facts, derived mostly from the Documentary History of New York State and Bolton's History of Westchester County, will be found interesting.

In the year 1690, the inhabitants of the towns of Hampstead, Jamaica, Flushing and Newtown on Long Island, directed Captain John Clapp to write a protest to the King's Secretary of State against "the severe oppressions and tyrannical usurpations of Jacob Leisler* and his accomplices." This letter has been truly called

* Jacob Leisler, a German adventurer whom the unsettled state of affairs in the American colonies, at the time of the downfall of James II. and the accession of William and Mary to the crown of England, had accidentally thrown into power in New York, finally assumed

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"telling and bitter." About 1703, John Clapp resided in the "out ward" of New York City. His family then consisted, besides himself, of "1 male [perhaps his father], 1 female [his wife], 2 male children, 2 male negroes and 1 female negro." In 1704, John Clapp was one of twenty-nine proprietors of the township of Bedford, in Westchester Co., their patent being granted by Queen Anne, through Gov. Cornbury. In 1705, John Clapp purchased of the Indian proprietors a large tract of land on the north side of Rye Pond, in Northeastle, Westchester Co., which is thus described in the deed:

All the land above mentioned, from the said north-west side of said pond, running west northerly three miles, more or less, and from thence running north-eastwardly four miles, more or less, on a run or river called Bruncks's river, and from thence east northerly three English miles, more or less, and then from thence runs south-westerdly to the place from whence it began, taking in and including a small pond called Cranberry pond, unto John Clapp, his heirs, executors, administrators, &c., reserving three hundred acres for our own use, for the sum of £10, that is to say, four pieces of eight, or money, and the other £8 10s. in such goods as are agreed upon by said parties.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us,

Roger Thoryon,
The mark of Daniel Headley.

The mark of C○ Patthunck, sen.
The mark of ⋋ Panridge.
The mark of ⋖ Wapeto Patthunck, jun.
The mark of ○ younger Patthunck.

In 1708, the title of John Clapp and eight others to a tract of land in Northcastle was confirmed by royal charter, through Lord Cornbury. In 1705, Capt. John Clapp, with two others, purchased another extensive tract of the Indian proprietors, in the township of Rye, in the same county, the deed being dated April 13th of that year:

A certain parcel of land lying and being within ye township of Rye, bounded by a certain beach tree standing upon the brink of Byram river, marked with J. G. J. and J. H. and J. C., running up ye said river northerly to a great swamp, where standeth an ash tree marked with the above said letters, and from thence in a direct course to an oak tree with stones laid at ye root, and from thence with a range of marked trees of the northermost corner of ye great pond, so running down by ye said pond till it meeteth with a white oak sapling marked with ye above said letters, and from thence by certain marked trees to the above said marked beach tree by ye brink of Byram river.

Sig. sealed and delivered in the presence of
Daniel Strang.
Joseph Purdy.
The marke of ⋖ Pare.

The true mark of ○ Wapetoe.
The true mark of ⋋ Raresquash.
The true mark of ○ Mekeran.

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the governorship of that colony, and on the arrival of Gov. Sloughter from England refused to surrender the fortifications, thus rendering himself liable to the charge of treason, for which he was tried, condemned and executed, his execution taking place May 16, 1691. He seems to have possessed good and bad traits of character. In 1689, he purchased a large tract of land in Westchester Co., embracing the whole of what is now the town of New Rochelle, which he bestowed on the Huguenots, then arriving in large numbers in the country from France.

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A further grant and confirmation was obtained July 20, of the same year, as follows:

Of all that said tract of land which is butted and bounded as follows, viz. beginning at a beach tree standing by Byram river near a great rock, marked with letters J. H. J. P. J. C., then running up the said river northwest to a certain ash tree in the upper end of a place commonly called Pond Pound neck, marked with the letters aforesaid, &c. &c., to the Colony line and thence by the said Colony line westerdly to the eight mile stake standing between three white oak trees, marked, viz. one of said trees is marked with the letters C. C. R. on the north side, and on ye south side J. D. and from said tree in a direct line runs to ye northmost corner of Rye Pond and thence south 10 degrees westerdly to a white oak sapling, marked by the Pond side with the letters J. P., thence by a range of marked trees south 63 degrees east to an ash tree standing by Blind brook on the east side thereof, and thence by another range of marked trees to a certain chestnut tree marked with the letters J. J. on ye north side, on the west side with the letters J. P., on the south-west side with the letters J. H., and thence by a range of marked trees to ye place where it begins.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
James Mott.
Henry Disbrow.
Joost Paldinck.

The mark of Serringoe.
Serringoe's mark in behalf of Wapeto Pathunck, and of his brother Raresquash.

In 1710, Queen Anne issued her royal letters patent to him and others for these lands in Rye. From 1707 to 1711, John Clapp was clerk of Westchester County. The pedigree of the Quinby family, of Northcastle, shows that Dorcas Quinby, born Sept. 9, 1690, married John Clapp, of Purchase.

It is almost certain that the John Clapp who figured in the early history of Westchester Co. was John,[3] No. 3, of our Memorial. The item last mentioned, however, refers, probably, to his son John,[4] No. 6, who, according to family records, married Eliza Douglas Quimby. From these gleanings of history, it would seem probable that John Clapp, who probably came from the South in his youth, lived on Long Island and in New York city, where his children were born. Thence entering the wilderness to the north of the city, he finally settled his family on land comprised in the towns of Northcastle, Rye and Harrison. From this point, his descendants have spread up the Hudson River as far as Albany; thence west throughout the State of New York, and, so, on to the great west, one branch only (Silas, No. 10) taking an eastward direction into Rhode Island.

Doubtless, large numbers of the descendants of GEORGE GILSON are still unrecorded. It is known that many are in Canada; and could the scattered names of this family be collected, they might exhibit an aggregate in numbers nearly equal to those of the other families of the same name.

The arrival and settlement in this country of large numbers of Huguenots, some of them from the city of Rochelle in France, the last asylum in that country from which they were driven out, forms

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a most interesting chapter in the colonization of America, but it can here be referred to only as connected with the family intended to be memorialized. The town of New Rochelle, already mentioned, received in 1689 a portion of these exiles, who had been aided in their escape by the English government, and had received letters of denization from Charles II. in council under the great seal. In 1695, larger numbers came, and they continued to arrive till the year 1700. On the 17th of April, 1724, twenty-eight freeholders of the town signed a document granting to Anthony Lespinard a portion of land (on Davenport's Neck) for the erection of a mill. Among these freeholders is found the name of Gilleaume Clapp. Whether he was of the line of GEORGE GILSON is not certain, but probably he was, from his vicinity to the first settlements made by members of that family, and as his name was not there in 1710. With the exception of his name and those of John Clark and John M. Martin, the other twenty-five names are of foreign derivation. The records of the town were then partly kept in the French language. This language in its purity is said to have been preserved in New Rochelle during at least two generations, and the town was a place of considerable resort for the acquirement of that language, and likewise on account of the hospitality and politeness of its inhabitants. Here the Hon. John Jay (the grandson of a Huguenot), and Gen. Philip Schuyler of revolutionary memory, received the elements of their education under the charge of the French clergy. As showing the type of character of these worthy emigrants, among whom one at least of our name is known to have lived, if he was not actually one of them, the following extract from the will of the Huguenot, John Mashett (dated New Rochelle, April 17, 1694), is copied from Bolton's interesting history already alluded to:

Our help be in the name of God, which made the heavens and earth. Amen.

I, John Mashett, a ship carpenter, born and bred in ye town of Frambbad in France, and dwelling in Bordeaux, and being fugitive by the persecution, with my family, viz., Jeane Thomas my wife, and Peter, John, Jeanne and Mary Anne Mashett, my children, sons and daughters, and having all abandoned and forsaken all my goods for my religion's sake, which I profess in the purity of a Christian commonly called Protestant, and being now established in these places, lands and dependencies of New York, in the town called *New Rochelle*, under the dominion of the high and mighty monarch, our king, William of plaine memory, to which God preserve his sceptre and crowne, and that under his reign we might live in God's fear, and being sick of body with a fever, notwithstanding sound of mind and memory, and willing to provide my business for the tranquility of my family, &c. Imprimus, I commend my soul to God, the Father, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, that he might receive *her* in His Heavenly kingdom among his blessed children. And as for my corpse, to be buried after the custom and manner of my religion and discipline, till the accomplishment of times, and untill the ressurrection when our Lord shall come for to judge the quick and the dead, &c. &c.

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VI.

ISOLATED FAMILIES.

BESIDES *Roger, Edward, Thomas, Nicholas* and *George Gilson*, whose descendants have been carefully traced in the preceding pages, there were others of the name of Clapp, early found here, who either came to this country independently of any of the above-named, or who were descended from some of them, the relationship being at the present time unknown. These names are given chronologically, as nearly as this has been found practicable.

William Clapp.

In 1664, a petition from the inhabitants of the town of Dorchester "To the Honrd Gouvn^{r}, the Deputy Gouvn^{r}, together with the rest of the honrd Magistrats & house of Deputyes: Assembled in Generall court at Boston," was drawn up and signed by one hundred and two individuals, constituting the great body of the freemen of the town. It had reference to the political changes brought about by the restoration of Charles II. in 1660. The colonists feared the worst when this restoration took place, and during these four years the good people of Dorchester, with the inhabitants of other towns, had anxiously awaited the course of events. It was in this condition of things that the petition referred to was presented, the burden of which was a request for a continuance of the privileges and liberties they had hitherto enjoyed. One sentence from it, here given, comprises, perhaps, the most important desire contained in it, and one about which they had experienced the most alarm. "Therefor," they say, "it is our Humble request that the liberty of o^{r} churches & faithfull ministry in this collony may bee still continued, without the imposition of any such Injunction not ordained of god, wch consciences truly tender would be trobled withall, but that as hitherto our churches & ministers haue bine freed from such human inuentions & impositions, soe they may bee still, it being well knowne to the world that to be freed therefrom was one spetiall cause that

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moued many to remoue from their deare natiue country Into this wildernes & how lamentable & greiueous it would bee to be here burdened & encombred againe with such matters is easy for any to Judge."

Among the signers to this Dorchester petition, were no less than nine of the name of Clapp, and one of them was the William above mentioned. Nothing is known of his history or of his connection with other families of the name; but as he is styled senior, it is likely he had a son also named William.

The other Clapps who signed the petition were Ezra, Ebenezer, Increase, Nathaniel, Nehemiah, Edward, Nicholas and Samuel. The original petition, with autographs of all the signers, now belongs to the library of the late Samuel G. Drake, Esq., and doubtless constitutes the largest collection of original signatures of the chief men of Dorchester, of so old a date, now extant.

John Clapp.

There was a John Clapp and his wife Hannah, who were living in Boston in 1679, how much earlier is not known. This family either returned to England, or was not perpetuated here.

Children of JOHN and wife HANNAH CLAPP, of Boston:

2. JOHN,[3] b. Nov. 11, 1679; m. July 17, 1710, Margaret Lattany, of Boston.
3. ABIGAIL,[3] b. Feb. 14, 1681; d. young.
4. ABIGAIL,[3] b. Nov. 21, 1685. Nothing known of her history.

William Clapp.

In the records of the town of Marblehead which were lately copied into those of Boston, is given the marriage of William Clapp and Mary Helman, both of Boston. They were married by Moses Mavcrick, Nov. 24, 1685, and the record adds, "Mother dead and father gone to the eastward, but given his consent." They were living in Boston in 1690, and buried a daughter Mary, June 18th of that year. This is probably the same person whose petition for clemency is given below.

To the Honrd Court of Assistants
sitting in Boston, September 18, 1685.

The Humble Petition of William Clap. Whereas Your poor petitioner was sentenced yesterday by Your Honor to pay ten pounds fine to the Country and a month emprisement and charges, &c., Your Hon^{rs} Petition^{r} doth not in the least desire to have any hard thoughts of You, not any ways doubting but it is Your Hon^{rs} aime in all your iudicial proceedings to

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do that is iust and rightouss Yet I humbly request Your Hono" leve to let me say that I am inocent as to the charges and humbly request Your Hono" would be pleased to remit the sentence that hath been pronounced me eather in part or in the whole being hear a stranger in a strang land, remote from my Parents and at present uncapable to make any satisfaction unless God should pleas to stirre up the hearts of my friends hear to fauour me on that account. Your Hon" fauer in granting this my request will be thankfully Acknowledged by your poor petitioner who desires Your Honors happiness & prosperity. WILLIAM CLAP.

On this petition it was ordered that he be discharged by "paying his fine, charges of tryale, &c." There is little doubt that this William was an emigrant from England, but his after life is wholly unknown, unless he afterwards comes to light in 1705–06 as the Capt. William Clapp who was a Water Bailiff at Cape Cod during those years, and had charge of the drift whales. No descendants of his are known to have remained in this country.

Robert Clapp.

In 1687, there was a Robert Clapp and his wife Mary living in Boston. It is simply possible he may have been the Robert Clapp who was made overseer to the Will of Robert Martin, of Rehoboth, in 1660, and called in that document "cozen," "of Dorchester."* This family probably returned to England soon after the birth of their last child.

Children of ROBERT and MARY CLAPP, of Boston:

2. ROBERT,[2] b. in Boston and returned with his parents to England. He returned to Boston and was employed by Edmund and Josiah Quincy, of Boston, as Master of the Brig Seahorse, of which he owned one-eighth. In one of his voyages in the Seahorse, he was at Port Royal (Jamaica), in 1740, where he was taken sick, and there made his last will and testament, in which he ordains that his body should be "decently but not extravagantly buried." He left his property to his mother, "Mary Howland," his brother John and his sister Agnes, all of the Parish of Little Ham in the County of Devon in Old England, to be divided equally between them. He m. in Boston, Feb. 10, 1703, Mrs. Hannah Bristow, dau. of Samuel Flack, of Boston. He outlived her, and left no children. In the inventory of his estate, the following articles are enumerated (among others):

One Negro Man	£100
A dark blue broadcloth Coat and breeches trimmed with silver	15
A pair of velvet breeches	10

* Also in Inventory of same person in 1666, "cozen Clapp, and kinswoman Jane Clapp," who may have been his sister.

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A light blue broadcloth Coat and breeches trimmed with silver	7
A black Padusoy Jacket, gold buttons	10
One-eighth of Brig Seahorse	225
Two Hhds of Pimento	74 8s.
The whole of his Estate was appraised at £1,436 4s. 8d., old tenor.	

3. AGNES,[2] not m. in 1740.
4. JOHN,[2] b. in Boston, Nov. 7, 1687.

Ebenezer Clapp

Was born about the middle of the last century; lived in Foster, R. I. His wife's name was Comfort Durfey. He was known by some of the descendants of GEORGE GILSON, living in Warwick, R. I., but was not considered by them as belonging to that family. After his death, his widow went with her children to Vermont, and married John Thomson.

Children of EBENEZER and COMFORT (Durfey) CLAPP, of Foster, R. I.:

2. THOMAS,[3] b. March 3, 1767. He was a volunteer in the war of 1812, and d. of smallpox at Plattsburg, N. Y. He m. March 14, 1790, Abigail Place, who was b. April 22, 1768, and d. at Hastings, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1850. Children:
   3. *Celia*,[3] b. May 1, 1791; m. Sept. 17, 1829, R. S. Orvis; dead.
   4. *Jerry A.*,[3] b. June 15, 1793; m. Aug. 9, 1818, Amelia Benton; now dead.
   5. *Nancy*,[3] b. Aug. 16, 1795; is still living.
   6. *John T.*,[3] b. in Hinesburgh, Vt., July 30, 1797; he is now living in Jericho, Vt. He m. Chloe Ford. Children: **i.** *Olive M.*,[4] d. young. **ii.** *Sarah E.*,[4] m. John A. Bowman, and lives in Boston. **iii.** *Olive M.*[4] **iv.** *Rollin M.*,[4] lives in Vergennes, Vt.; m. Emily M. Stroud, and has a son *John T.*[5] **v.** *Simeon W.*,[4] lives in Boston; m. Lorenda Mead, and has: (1) *Eva*;[5] (2) *Walter C.*[5]
   7. *Christopher C.*,[3] b. in Jericho, Vt., May 3, 1799; m. May 30, 1822, Lydia Cornell, who was b. in Rutland, Vt., April 14, 1803. He moved to Onondaga Co., N. Y., about 1820, and later in life moved to the State of Michigan. He d. Dec. 11, 1868. She lives in Ashtema, Mich. Children: **i.** *John T.*,[4] b. in Bellisle, N. Y., March 12, 1823; m. Sept. 3, 1848, Eliza C. Rickard, b. in Charlestown, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1822; they live in Pau Pau, Mich. **ii.** *Almira*,[4] b. March 9, 1824; d. Sept. 1824. **iii.** *Sally Ann*,[4] b. July 16, 1825; d. March 22, 1830. **iv.** *Celia A.*,[4] b. in Bellisle, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1827; m. in 1847, Wesly A. Dunham; they live in Lyons, Iowa. **v.** *Horace C.*,[4] b. in Bellisle, N. Y., July 9, 1829; is a physician, and lives in Mendon, Mich.; m. April 15, 1856, Mary A. Miller, who was b. in Keesville, N. Y., Sept. 17,

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1834. She is a niece of William Miller, the founder of the Advent Millerites, who were so numerous in Vermont in 1843. Children: (1) *Allie Mae*,[5] b. in Ostego, Mich., Sept. 1, 1858; (2) *Lillie Belle*,[5] b. in Mendon, Mich., Sept. 22, 1860; (3) *Louis Grant*,[5] b. in Mendon, Mich., Oct. 10, 1864.

vi. *Louisa M.*,[4] b. in Van Buren, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1833; m. in 1850, John H. Bushnell, who was b. in 1830; they live in Oshtemo, Mich.

vii. *Orson S.*,[4] b. in Van Buren, N. Y., April 7, 1836; m. in 1857, Hannah ...., and lives in Appleton, Minn.

viii. *Irving F.*,[4] b. in Van Buren, N. Y., June 10, 1838; m. Oct. 14, 1861, Delora A. Sherwood, who was b. in Otsego, Mich., Oct. 14, 1843; they live in Allegan, Mich. Children: (1) *Ara Burt*,[5] b. Feb. 13, 1869; (2) *Fred Crittenden*,[5] b. in Allegan, Mich., Feb. 8, 1873.

ix. *Isaac H.*,[4] b. in Van Buren, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1840; m. in 1861, Esther Bacon, and lives in Oshtemo, Mich.

8. *Harry O.*,[3] b. Feb. 8, 1801; m. Mary Rogers; dead.
9. *Minerva M.*,[3] b. Feb. 26, 1803; m. Dr. Joseph B. Cornell.
10. *Thomas J.*,[3] b. Aug. 30, 1805; m. Almira Rose, June 30, 1828; dead.
11. CHLOE,[2] m. Alexander Reynolds.

John Clapp

Was born about 1740; he came from (Windsor?) Connecticut, where his ancestors resided, settled in Easthampton, marrying in that town, about June, 1762, Sarah Pomeroy, and built a house near her father's. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution (doubtless the John Clapp mentioned in the History of Easthampton as serving four years), and received a pension for some years. If ever he had any brothers and sisters, they never visited Easthampton, and were never spoken of by him so far as is known; neither can it be ascertained who his father was, or to what branch of the family he belongs. He died some years previous to 1832. Lyman, in his History of Northampton, calls him a nephew of Maj. Jonathan and Aaron. This must be a mistake, as we cannot find that he was related to either of them.

Children of JOHN and SARAH (Pomeroy) CLAPP, of Easthampton:

2. OLIVER,[2] m. and moved to some place in New York State, and never visited his native town afterwards. He had four daughters.
3. THOMAS,[2] b. about 1783; d. in Northampton, Aug. 1867, aged 84 years. He m. in 1811, Phebe Blackmar, of Northampton, who d. many years previous to her husband. Children:
   4. *Sarah B.*,[3] m. Thomas Rogers, of Northampton. After the death of her husband, she moved, with her two remaining children, to Sacramento, Cal., where her oldest dau., already married, then lived.

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5. *Elizabeth*,[3] m. William F. Pratt, of Northampton, and had eleven children, seven of whom were living in 1873.
6. *Julia*,[3] m. Eli Edwards, and resided in Northampton until his death, a few years since; now resides in Florence, with her daughter, Mrs. Hill.
7. *Nancy*,[3] unm.; she went to California with her sister Sarah B.
8. *Charles*,[3] d. in the Navy.
9. ASA,[3] d. in youth.
10. CHARLES,[3] never married. He followed his brother Oliver to his new home, and visited his friends in Easthampton but once afterwards.
11. JOHN,[3] m. Sophia Chapman. He survived his wife a number of years, and d. about 1863, more than 80 years of age. Children:
12. *Sophia*,[3] m. Sylvester Cooper, and lives in Easthampton.
13. *Maurice*.[3]
14. *John Merrick*,[3] m. first, his cousin Maria, dau. of Mrs. Sally Frost (No. 23); second, Mrs. Sophia Avery. Children by first wife: **i.** *George*,[4] m. and has two children; resides in Westfield. **ii.** *Frederic Oliver*,[4] d. March, 1871, aged 21 years.
15. *Amos B.*,[3] m. Delila Johnson; they reside in Easthampton and have one son, *John*.[4]
16. *Asa Dickenson*,[3] m. Roxana Moody, of South Hadley, who d. Dec. 1872. Children: **i.** *Eugene M.*,[4] m. and has a child. **ii.** *Nellie*,[4] lives with her father in Westfield.
17. *Eliakim W.*,[3] m. first Minerva Miner; second, Mrs. ....., of Westfield. He resides in Southampton. Children by first wife: **i.** *Ella*,[4] m. Mr. Phelps, of Westfield, and has one child. **ii.** *Willie*,[4] lives with his father.
18. JAMES,[3] b. in Southampton, Dec. 27, 1789; d. Jan. 18, 1849. He was drafted into the army in the war of 1812, and went to Boston, where he served three months. He m. Oct. 19, 1825, Mrs. Theodocia (Clapp) Ring, widow of Eleazer Ring, and dau. of Eliakim Clapp (No. 305 of the descendants of ROGER), of Chesterfield; she was b. in Chester, April 4, 1792. He was often heard to tell his wife that they were no relation to each other. Children:
19. *Adaline T.*,[3] b. in Easthampton, Oct. 3, 1826; m. Jan. 18, 1855, Robert Dewar, of Prince Edward's Island. They live in Easthampton and have four children.
20. *James*,[3] b. in Easthampton, Feb. 26, 1829; m. Oct. 1853, Augusta Meekins, of Conway, Mass. They live in Worcester.
21. *Helen*,[3] b. in Northampton, Dec. 28, 1832; is now living unm. in Easthampton. She furnished much information concerning this branch of the family.
22. KING,[3] d. Jan. 25, 1849, unmarried.
23. SALLY,[3] m. Mr. Frost, and lived and died in Troy, N. Y. She left a son, who moved to Illinois, and a daughter Maria, who m. her cousin John M. Clapp (No. 14), of Easthampton.
24. MARIA,[3] d. young.
25. BATHSHEBA,[3] m. Mr. Tinker, and had four children. They both d. many years ago.

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VII.

SUPPLEMENT.

[SINCE the printing of the preceding pages, many omissions and errors in the records of the different families have been detected, and much additional matter relating to individuals named in the book or to places or public events in which individuals of the family were concerned, has come to hand. Also papers and documents, some of them too long for insertion in the body of the work, have been thought deserving of publication. A portion of the book has therefore been set apart for these additional records, corrections and miscellaneous papers. All these will be taken up in regular order, under the names and numbers (as they occur in the foregoing pages) of the individuals with whom the facts or statements may be connected. It is believed no member of the Clapp Family will fail to find something in them worthy of perusal.]

I. - - - In the Line of Roger.

No. 1 (page 1).—ROGER. By a comparison of the will of Captain Roger Clapp with the "Deed of Division" of the estate of his son Elder Samuel Clapp, who left no will, it appears that the house first built and lived in by Roger fell to Elder Samuel's son Samuel, then to his son Samuel, and was next bought by the son-in-law of the latter, John Ward, who sold it to Capt. Lemuel Clapp (No. 88 of NICHOLAS) in January, 1761. The latter, dying in 1819, provided in his will that his two daughters, Catharine and Rebecca, should have the use of the house while they lived and remained unmarried. Rebecca died, unmarried, Dec. 11, 1855, in her 72d year. Catharine died, unmarried, Feb. 21, 1872, in her 90th year, having lived in her father's house 53 years after his decease. Since her death, the old homestead has been bought by her nephews, Frederick and Lemuel Clapp, grandchildren of Capt Lemuel. There were about fifty heirs to the property. From information given by the latter of these gentlemen (the former has since died), it appears that Capt. Lemuel enlarged and improved the house about the year 1767, adding the two east rooms, the kitchen and the large chimney, and so ornamenting the parlor that it was considered the best in that part of the town. By an examination at the present time (1875) it would seem that the upper and lower bed-rooms (the lower but 6 ft. 2 in. high) in the centre are all that remain of the original house. These rooms have been in use upwards of two hundred years, and were probably occupied by Roger himself. The framing of the

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first addition to the building is very substantial, the corner posts being about a foot square, and one girt in the centre measures 8 × 16 inches. They are of oak, and as sound as new. Several flooring boards in the attic measure two feet wide. The panel over the fire-place in the present west room measures 2½ by 6 feet. The fire-place in east room was, until recently, ornamented by glazed China tiles, in the style and fashion of former days. After the death of Catharine, the east room or parlor not being used, and no fire being kept there, the wall paper became loose and a part of it came off. This paper was known to have been on the walls one hundred and three years, and doubtless was imported from England. It was of a showy pattern, with large columns or pillars, with bright red roses intertwined about them. It has been said that when Capt. Lemuel's military company was quartered in the house, in the early part of the Revolutionary War, the soldiers tried to get these roses off to put on their hats, but their efforts proved unavailing. During the last few years, pieces of this paper have been much sought after for relics. In the east chamber can be seen in the floor the charred marks of the legs of the iron kettles used by the soldiers, and in two other rooms the ceiling shows marks made by their guns while exercising. In striking contrast with the chimneys of the present time, the west chimney of the old house measures about eight feet square in the cellar.

Castle Island, now Fort Independence.

This Island, which for so many years was under the command of Capt. Roger Clapp, must ever possess a peculiar interest to his descendants. From some "Historical Notes" respecting it, recently published by Mr. Samuel Burnham, the following condensed sketch is mostly drawn:

Castle Island, now Fort Independence, in Boston Harbor, is probably the oldest fortified place in the United States now used as a military post. It is situated about 900 yards from South Boston Point, and 1160 yards from Governor's Island, from which it is separated by the main channel. Like the other islands in Boston Harbor, it has suffered much from storms and the continued wear of the sea since its first occupation, especially on the north and east side, where a sea wall has lately been laid to protect it from further encroachment. On the south side, however, it has probably extended its area by the same forces which have worked upon the other sides. From its situation, commanding the main ship-channel, it was early selected for the defence of Boston, within the limits of which it was included. At a court held at Boston on the 4th of March, 1633–4, it was proposed, for the benefit of the Colony, "that a moving Fort be built, 40 feet long and 21 feet wide," and the means for building the same were raised by individual contributions. Also "the Governor and Council, and divers of the ministers and others, met at Castle Island, and there agreed upon erecting two platforms and one small fortification to secure them both, and for the present furtherance of it they agreed to lay out £5 a man till a rate might be made at the next general Court." The Court meeting in the following September passed an order that there should "be a platforme made on the north-east syde of Castle Island, and an house

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built on the topp of the hill to defend the said plattforme." The masonry was of oyster-shell lime, and the works neither solid nor expensive. It appears to be probable the first motive in building the castle was for the defence of the Colony as much against the home government as against a foreign enemy, for it was the excitement relative to giving up the charter, and a rumor that the king was about to send over a governor general, which was the cause of the first steps that were taken and the voluntary contributions which were made for that end. At about the same time, some friends of the Colony, then in England, sent over a present of guns for the use of the Colony, and these were speedily mounted on the fortification which had been prepared. The first commander at the fort was Capt. Simpkins.

On the 6th of June, 1639, a tax of £1000 was levied for the whole Colony, which was assessed upon the towns of Boston, Roxbury, Salem, Weymouth. Hingham, Lynn, Cambridge, Watertown, Newbury, Dorchester, Ipswich and Charlestown. One quarter of this sum was appropriated towards building a house and repairing the batteries on the Island, £100 per annum having previously been voted towards keeping the fort properly manned. As years passed on, however, the expense of keeping the fort was great for the little Colony, and the necessity appearing so slight, in 1643 the Court abandoned the whole affair and "gave Castle Island and the house there to Capt. Gibbons," with this proviso, "unlesse it bee implied to publique use for fortification at any time hearafter." The ordnance, ammunition, &c., were returned to the towns of Boston and Charlestown.

Boston and the few towns immediately adjoining the harbor were thus left entirely exposed, and began to feel the sense of weakness, which was especially apparent when armed vessels were able to come to the very landing of the town without possibility of interference. Consequently upon this feeling, at a special Court held in March, 1643-4, an order was passed "that it shal be lawful for the inhabitants of the townes within the Bay, or any convenient number of them, to erect a fortification upon the Castle Island, such as the present time & their abilities will give liberty and opportunity unto, & to repair the batteries there as the necessary defense of the peace shall require, & that they shall have liberty to take back unto the said Island such ordnance and ammunition as was lately fetched from thence, or so much thereof as they shall make use of, any former order to the contrary notwithstanding;" and it was further ordered that "when the townes in the Bay shall have repaired the two (platforms) in Castle Island & mounted the ordnance and erected a fortification there of fifetye foote square within, the wall ten foote thick, at leaste, & heighth proportionable, with stone, timber & earth & a sufficient garrison of twenty men at least provided for the defence of it, this Court will alow one hundred pounds pr annum towards the maintenance thereof, & this Court will also alow, towards this work, & the securing the other passage by Byrd Iland, one hundred pounds, to be paid when both the said works shal bee finished. And it is further ordered, that notwithstanding the charge to bee defrayed by the towns in the Bay, yet the said fortifications to be still accounted to belong to the country, & this Court, or the councell of warr from time to time to have the command and disposall thereof as occasion shall require."

Lieut. Richard Davenport was chosen first regular Commander of the

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Castle, and his commission was confirmed March 5, 1645. In August, 1665, Capt. Roger Clapp was appointed to the command of the fort, and the following is from his "Memoirs:"

"Before I proceed any further, I will inform you that God stirred up his poor servants to use means in their beginning for their preservation; though a low and weak people, yet a willing people to lay out their estates for the defence of themselves and others. They having friends in divers places who thought it best for our safety to build a fort upon the island now called Castle Island, at first (1634), they built a castle with mud walls, which stood divers years. First, Capt. Simpkins was commander thereof; and after him, Lieut. Monish for a little space. When the mud walls failed, it was built again with pine trees and earth, and Capt. Davenport was commander (1645). When that decayed, which was within a little time, there was a small castle built with brick walls, and three rooms in it, a dwelling room below, a lodging room over it, the gun-room over that, wherein stood six very good saker guns, and over it upon the top, three lesser guns. (These repairs were in 1668). All the time of our weakness, God was pleased to give us peace, until the wars with the Dutch in Charles the Second's time. At that time our works were very weak, and intelligence came to us that De Ruyter, a Dutch commander of a squadron of ships was in the West Indies, and did intend to visit us; whereupon, our battery also was repaired, wherein are seven good guns. But in the very time of this report, in July, 1668, God was pleased to send a grevious storm of thunder and lightning, which did some hurt at Boston, and struck dead here at the Castle Island that worthy renowned Captain, Richard Davenport. Upon which, the General Court, in August 16th following, appointed another Captain (Clapp) in the room of him that was slain. But behold! God wrought for us; for althongh De Ruyter intended to come here, yet God, by contrary winds, kept him out; so he went to Newfoundland, and did great spoil there. And again, when dangers grew on us by reason of the great wars with Holland, God permitted our castle at that very time to be burnt down, which was on the 21st day of March, 1672-3. But still God was pleased to keep this place in safety. The Lord enlarge our hearts unto thankfulness!"

The condition of the fort and of the garrison, during the first part of the command of Capt Roger Clapp, is well shown in the following petition from him to the General Court, which, it is believed, has never before appeared in print:

To the much Hon'ed the General Court now assembled at Boston, the Petition of yo^{r} Hon^{rs} humble servant, Roger Clap, humbly showeth.

That this honorable Generall Court did in the year 1665 plase your said servant at the Castle, and did order that there should be one hundred and sixty pounds p. annum for the garrison there, namely, for the Capt. and four men, of the which one of them should be an able gunner. Gunner Baxter being plased there by that committee which were appointed to put things in a serviceable posture they did appoint (as yo^{r} Petitioner was informed) that he should have for that time after £35 p. ann. and that sum he have payd him yearly by the Treasurer, and the other three men cannot be gotten under £20 p. ann. unless they be such as will not be for the Country's Hon^{r} & safety, and they do look unto Yo^{r} Petitioner who hires them to be payd in such pay as will procure them meat, Drinke, cloathing, lodging, fixeing, and other necessaries, those being payd there remains but sixty-five pounds for the Capt., who cannot but keep a family there on the Island if he Desire to keep the men comfortably & in good order, and what necessary expenses the Capt. must be at yo^{r} Petitioner need not to inform this Hon'ed Court of, yet this much he is willing to inform yo'selves of that when Mr. Treasurer Doth give unto the townes to pay unto yo^{r} Petitioner such sums as he doth appoint, they are not studious to pay the best pay they can; but in most townes, there is little of anything besides shoes & Indian Corn to be had, and that

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pay alone will not pay men's wages, for it will not get them necessaries; had not yor Petitioner through God's goodness some estate of his own, he might sometime be put into straits and so he is also like to be to get wood to burn on this cold Island, and other things he wants which costs him a great deall of mony in a year, except this Honred Court be pleased to order him such pay as will supply him with wood and other necessaries.

His humble petition therefore unto this Honred Court is that you will be pleased to order the Treasurer to pay the one-half of the whole sallary in mony unto yor Petitioner yearly that so he may supply his necessities and comfortably serve God & yorselves in this plase which God and yorselves have caled him to. So shall yor unworthy servant have still greater cause to bless God and yor Honrs and ever pray as in duty he is bound for yor prosperity accounting it his happiness to be serviseable to God & to yorselves to his poor power in his generation.

Furthermore, I think it my duty to inform yorselves conserning the Castle how it is in regard of the Decays thereof, the upper Deck or floar was never tight since I came to the Castle, and although I have got men at work to calk it to make it tight yet in a short time it will be leaky again, for some plates of the plankes are rotten, the leakes cannot but hurt the timber worke of the other Roomes and is very afflictive unto us, there is raines sometimes no dry plase to lodg in, wee have been forced to rise out of or beds many times the beds have been so wet with rain, and wee have no plase also to lay a bed in, but are forced to go from the little house to the Castle to bed in Dark rainy nights, and sometimes in snow above my wife's knees, she doth much desire to have a lodging room built joining to the little room where wee live, that in the cold winter she may not go so far out of Dores to bed if this Court will be pleased to show us the favor and those that may succeed us. Also the timber that lies in the brick wall on which the shutters of y ports do hang are so rotten that it will not hold the iron hookes, two of the shutters are fallen Down and that timber being rotten so deep in the wall makes mee doubt lest the ends of the main beames of the gun room be rotten in the wall. These beames are about thirty foot long and no support but by the ends in the wall, yett a very great weight is on that floar, viz. six guns three thousand weight a piece besides many people on training days. Would it not be prudent to have some pillars under the beames, and to have plankes prepared to lay the upper floare anew and to repair the ports. I thought it my Duty to inform this Honred Court of these Decays, that so you may do in it as you please.

Yr Honrs humble Servant.

This petition was in effect granted, and the Court ordered the redress of some of the grievances mentioned in the petition.

After the accidental burning of the fort in 1673–4, the construction of a strong stone fortress was felt to be necessary. The record states that "The Court having considered the awfull hand of God in the destruction of the Castle by fire, doe order and appoint 1st. That there be a small regular peece erected where the castle stood, not exceeding sixty ffoote square within or proportionable, for the defence and security of the battery and entertainment of such garrison as may be meet. 2dly. That the charge hereof be defrayed by the late subscriptions and contributions for that end, and what shall be wanting to this worke be levyed by a publicke rate, wherein those who have already contributed shall be considered according to what is already declared. And for the management of this affaire, and to conclude the matter and forme of the said Castle, and bring the same to a compleat end as speedily as may be, the honoured Governor, John Leveret, Esqr., Capt. William Davis, Capt. Roger Clap (Captain of the Castle), Capt. Thomas Sauage and Mr. John Richards are appointed and

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impowered as a committee; and what shall be concluded from tjme to tjme by any three of this committee, the honoured Gov'nor being one, it shall be accounted a valid act to the end aforesajd."

As was stated on page 5, Roger Clapp resigned his position as Captain of the Castle upon the appointment of Sir Edmund Andros to the Governorship of the Colony, preferring private life to an office which must be used in the service of a tyrant. The person Andros appointed to take the Castle was Capt. John Pipon, and in 1689, when the downfall of the Andros government took place, John Fairweather was appointed Captain in place of Pipon.

After the accession of William III. to the throne of England, the home government began to take an active interest in the means of defence of the Colonies. Previous to that time the works on Castle Island had been very irregular, as skilled engineers were not to be found in the young colonies. Colonel Romer, a celebrated engineer, was accordingly sent over to repair the fort. Upon his arrival, he demolished the old works and built an entirely new fortification, which was called Castle William in 1705, probably in honor of the late king.

The "Defense of New England Charters" gives a minute description of this new fort.

"At the entrance of the Harbor there is a strong, beautiful Castle, which is by far the finest specimen of military architecture in the British America. It was built by Colonel Romer, a famous German Engineer, at the countries' expense, and is called Castle William. It is a *Quarre* surrounded with a covered way and joined with two lines of communication from the main battery, as also a line of communication from the main gate to a redoubt, which is to prevent the landing. It is well situated near the channel to hinder ships from coming up to the town, which must all come within pistol shot of this Battery. It is mounted with 100 pieces of cannon, several of which are placed on a platform, near high water mark, so as to rake a ship fore and aft, before she can bring her broadsides to bear against the Castle, and some of these cannon carry 42 pounders. In peace there is an independent company of 50 or 100 men, but in time of war 500 able men are exempted from all other military duty, to attend the Service of the Castle at an hour's warning, upon any signal given to the Castle of the Appearance of any ships and their number. The Castle again warns the town, and if there be 5 ships or more in time of war, an alarm is given to all the adjacent countries by firing a beacon. The province has also a galley or frigate well manned in time of war to guard the coast from Privateers, and to convoy their home trade. In short, nothing that could be done for the defence of the subject by sea or land has been left undone. It is really astonishing to consider and difficult to believe, that these little governments should be able by their own strength, and at their own charge, to perform such great things."

From that time to the Revolutionary War, Castle William was recognized as a valuable means of defence to the towns surrounding Boston Harbor, and was manned by regular and provincial troops, in such numbers as occasion required. Some additions were also made to strengthen it from time to time, but when the British army evacuated Boston they dismantled the Castle as much as possible, rendered useless the guns, and finally blew up the citadel and magazines and left the Island a mass of ruins. During the Revolutionary war, the Island was occupied by American troops, and it was made as defensible as its demolished condition would permit. In 1798, the Island was formally ceded to the U. S. Government, which at once made preparations for erecting the present strong and symmetrical work.

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In 1799, President John Adams visited the Island, and on that occasion gave the name of Fort Independence to the prospective fortification. The first stone was laid on the 7th of May, 1800, and the national colors were first displayed on the 23d of June, 1802, but the fort was not finished until early the next year.

The following petition from the widow of Capt. Roger Clapp is interesting as showing how little pecuniary benefit he received for his many years of faithful services to the colony:

To the Hon^ble^ Simon Bradstreet Esq^r^ Gov^r^ Thomas Danforth Esq^r^ Dep. Gov^r^ and the rest of the Hon^ed^ Magistrates & Deputyes sitting in Gen^ll^ Court. The humble Petition of Joane Clap Relict widow of captaine Roger Clapp late of Boston Dec^d^.

Whereas it hath pleased the Lord to put a period to the days of yo^r^ Petit^r^ husband who was for a long time improved in the countryʼs service, as is well knowne to this Hon^ed^ Court, and for his s^d^ service there remains a considerable sume of money yet behind unpaid unto him, which is now wanting to defray the charges of decent interment of the s^d^ Dece^d^ and other necessaries for yonr Petitioner's supply.

Yo^r^ Petitioner doth therefore pray this Hon^ed^ Court to consider the premises, and that you would be pleas^d^ to favour her so farre as to allow somewhat for her present reliefe and to defray the present charges of interm^t^ of her s^d^ dec^d^ husband and as in duty bound shall ever pray.

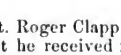
In answer to this petition what apears to be justly dew unto Roger Clapp dec^d^ for his servise to this Colony shal be paid his executors by the Country Treas^r^ as sone as may be. Joseph Lynde pr order.

Feb^r^ 4, 1690–1.

Consent^d^ to by the Gov^r^ and Assistants and M^r^ Russell and the Treasurer are appointed to examine and settle his acco^tt^.

Js^a^ Addington, Sec^ry^.

No. 2 (p. 9).—Samuel.[2] The accompanying fac-simile of his autograph was copied from the petition of Dorchester citizens, presented to the General Court in 1664, and more particularly spoken of on page 315. Samuel Clapp must have been about 30 years old, at that time.



No. 7 (p. 11).—Preserved.[2] His wife Sarah was born June 14, 1650. The following anecdote, illustrative of life in the then frontier settlement of Northampton, is related in connection with Preserved Clapp, in Lyman's History of Easthampton:

"For a long time an Indian resided in his family, but he at length became unsteady, and wanted to get his gun, in which, however, he did not succeed. He finally left, and was gone for several years, when one day, as Mr. Clapp was riding home from his work, an Indian stepped out from behind a tree, and pointing his gun at him, said, 'Now, 'Served, me have your gun,' and instantly fired. The ball just grazed his nose. The Indian then stepped back again, but his leg was not concealed, so that the ball which was returned wounded him. Mr. Clapp then drove on as fast as possible, and eluded his pursuers, a company of Indians who had come from Canada with this one. The wound was so severe that it resulted in the Indian's death, and the party left for parts unknown."

In 1717, he conveyed all his right in land in 12th Division (now

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Stoughton), laid out to his father Roger, 120 acres in all, to Edward Sumner, for £8. The following petition, with autograph of Preserved Clapp, is to be seen in the Mass. Archives, State House, Boston:

Northampton, June 25, 1708.

To his Excellency The Gov^{r} The Hon^{ble} Councill and Representatives in Gen^{l} Court assembled. The humble petition of Preserved Clap in Behalfe of the Towne and by order of select men most humbly showeth.

That whereas we have sometimes been exposed to Trouble and disapointments in our asessing persons to the public tax in that some of our young men properly belonging To our town have been impressed in her Maiesty's service, which we know not any Law that doth acquit their polls from y^{e} Tax: yet after we have in observance of our duty as we think, according to the direction of The law in such cases: our Justices of the peace have acquitted and freed them from payment of their poll money To the publick Tax which doth and if not prevented will prove very hurtfull and prejudiciall to us: and may by such an ill president Become a spreading evill in other Towns as well as ours. Therefore humbly pray his excellency and your hon^{rs} that there may be such an explanory suppliment made y^{e} act Relating Thereto That the assessors may certainly informe themselves what Their duty is in that Respect That the steps of y^{e} Law may be duely observed.

And as duty obligeth, shall ever pray, &c.

Preserved Clapp.

In the House of Representatives, June 29, 1708, Redd & Committed.

Oct. 25, 1708. Ordered that no Persons in this Province are exempted from the Countrey Tax but such as are by law Exempted, &c.

No. 12 (p. 15).—DESIRE.[2] His first wife d. in 1715; not "1716."

No. 16 (p. 11).—SAMUEL.[3] He d Feb. 25; not "Feb. 12."

No. 19 (p. 16.)—SAMUEL.[3] Abiel Bird, who m. his widow, was father by first wife, Mindwell Weeks, to Mindwell Bird, who m. Samuel Clapp, No. 54, and brother of Samuel Bird, who m. Sarah Clapp No. 46. Mary d. in her 77th year.

No. 24 (p. 11).—ELIZABETH.[3] She m. Sept. 25, 1701, Edward Sumner, who was b. Aug. 29, 1675, and had eleven children. Gov. Increase Sumner was a descendant of Edward and Elizabeth (Clapp) Sumner.

No. 25 (p. 11.)—HANNAH.[3] Her husband is No. 18 of NICHOLAS.

No. 26 (p. 11).—SARAH.[3] A Sarah d. in Northampton, unm., in 1703.

No. 27 (p. 11).—WAIT.[3] There was a Capt. John Taylor in Easthampton, who was killed by the Indians, while bravely defending the town from their attack in 1704.

No. 32. (p. 17).—ROGER.[3] He d. Jan. 9, 1762. He m. his wife Elizabeth, Nov. 28, 1706. She was aged 80 at her death.

No. 33 (p. 18).—THOMAS.[3] Besides the children given, he had a daughter *Abigail*,[4] who d. Dec. 29, 1715.

No. 36 (p. 14).—SARAH.[3] Her sister-in-law, Sarah Capen, m. Dea. Jonathan Clapp, No. 16 of NICHOLAS.

No. 38 (p. 14).—RUTH.[3] She did not marry a Sumner, as stated in

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the text, but Samuel Hall, of Dorchester, and their dau. Susannah m. Ebenezer Sumner, of Milton.

No. 44 (p. 15).—DESIRE.[3] He d. Nov. 27,1683.

No. 45 (p. 15).—EXPERIENCE.[3] She had many children, and d. April 9, 1726. Her husband's father, Thomas Tolman, built for him the house in which they lived in Tolman's Lane, near Washington St., Dorchester. Standing in 1860.

No. 54 (p. 18).—SAMUEL.[4] His wife Mindwell was b. May 3, 1706.

No. 60 (p. 22).—THOMAS.[4] The following epitaph is from the grave-stone in the burying-ground at Dorchester:

In memory of
Mr. THOMAS CLAP,
who died 11 Aug. 1798,
Aged 85 years.
He buryed from the year
1762 to the year 1797
1080 persons.

No. 74 (p. 17).—ELIZABETH.[4] Her husband was Jonathan Strong, Jr., b. Dec. 15, 1708. She d. June 25, 1758.

No. 75 (p. 31).—JONATHAN.[4] He came to Easthampton about 1730; went to live with his uncle Joseph Bartlett, on the north side of the Manhan river, in the first permanent house erected in that part of Easthampton. Joseph Bartlett, uncle of Jonathan Clapp, received the mill and land about it from his father in 1705. He kept the first public house in town, and kept it for over twenty years. He d. in 1755, leaving most of his property to his nephew. He must have been a slave-holder, because in his will he gives their freedom to two slaves, and there is also a slave mentioned in the inventory of Maj. Jonathan Clapp's estate. Jonathan commenced the business in Easthampton of fulling cloth, using a portion of his grist mill for that purpose. He also, about 1750, commenced to keep the tavern which was afterwards retained in the family in different localities in Easthampton for nearly 100 years. It is said of him in Lyman's History of Easthampton:

"He was a very shrewd business manager, and knew how to turn everything to good account. A story is told of him which illustates this trait of character: Probably about the year 1760, what was long known as 'The Great Crust,' took place. A body of snow, some four feet in depth, fell, and immediately on its surface eight inches of hail, and then a slight rain, which froze and formed a solid crust. The fences, as if by magic, had disappeared. The roads were all blocked up so that there was no communication with market. On the morning after the crust was formed, he took out his horse upon it, and saw that it bore him up. In a very short time he was mounted and on his way to Hatfield, where he purchased a drove of cattle, and on the next morning he was on his way to Boston, where he arrived in safety, the crust having borne him all the way. His drove was the first to enter the city after the fall of snow, and consequently he received a high price for his beef. The trip occupied a little more than a week, and he cleared £100 or $333.

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COMMISSION OF MAJOR JONATHAN CLAPP.

[Seal]

Colony of the *Massachusetts-Bay.* } The Major part of the COUNCIL of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in *New-England*,

To JONATHAN CLAPP ESQUIRE Greeting.

W. Sever
W. Spooner
J. Winthrop
Caleb Cushing
John Whitcomb
Jed^{h} Foster
James Prescott
Eldad Taylor
B. Lincoln
Michael Farley
Moses Gill
Jabez Fisher
J. Palmer
S. Holten
B. White

YOU being appointed second Major of the second Regiment of Militia in the County of Hampshire whereof Seth Pomeroy, Esq., is Colonel—

By Virtue of the Power vested in us, WE do by these Presents, (reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct,) Commission you accordingly.—You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a second Major in leading, ordering, and exercising said Regiment in Arms, both Inferior Officers and Soldiers; and to keep them in good Order and Discipline: And they are hereby commanded to obey you as their second Major and you are yourself, to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions as you shall from Time to Time receive from the major part of the Council or your superior Officers.

GIVEN *under our Hands and the Seal of the said Colony, at Watertowne the fourteenth Day of February in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, Anno Domini*, 1776.

By the Command of the Major Part of the Council.

PEREZ MORTON,
D. Sec'y.

No. 76 (p. 32).—AARON.[4] He was one of the first settlers in Easthampton on what was known as the Plain. He died in 1793.

No. 80 (p. 17).—NOAH.[4] His daughter *Hannah*[5] was put under the guardianship of her uncle Jonathan in 1763.

No. 86 (p. 18).—MINDWELL.[5] See foot note, page 260.

No. 96 (p. 21).—SUPPLY.[5] He was sometimes styled General, and, during the War of the Revolution, he was one of the proprietors of the Privateer brigantine "General Sullivan," which sailed from Portsmouth, N. H. He is spoken of as "a gentleman of excellent business education and qualities, a commissary in the Revolutionary War, and afterwards commissary general of the State of New Hampshire."

No. 111 (p. 23).—IRENE.[5] Her husband, Noadiah Lewis, was born Nov. 24, 1736.

No. 114 (p. 23).—OLIVER.[6] His son *Oliver Morrison*[7] is a stoneworker in Amherst.

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No. 126 (p. 24).—Parsons.[6] His son *Henry Wells*[7] was born in Springfield, in 1798, and d. March 17, 1869. A list of the various positions which Henry W. Clapp was called upon to fill, would give the best idea of the estimation in which he was held by the community. At the time of his death, he was President of the Franklin Savings Institution, and a Director in the Connecticut River Railroad. He had been President of the Greenfield Bank, the Connecticut River Railroad and the Franklin Agricultural Society. He had been the first President and principal originator of the Greenfield Cemetery Association, the Greenfield Gas Company, and the Greenfield Library Association. He was one of the original members of the copartnership for the manufacture of cutlery, which during the last thirty years has become firmly planted in Greenfield, and has added so much to the prosperity of that region. He had fixed opinions in politics, but no taste for the strifes and cares of public life. He was loyal to friends, and capable of strong and enduring attachments. The influence which he exercised was not acquired by efforts to be popular, but resulted from native force and sagacity, persistent will, and recognized integrity. The following is from an address by Rev. P. V. Finch, Rector of St. James Church, Greenfield, at the funeral of Henry W. Clapp, Esq.

"We meet here to-day to perform the last sad offices of the Church for one of the fathers, a man venerable in years. Had he lived a month longer, he would have reached the age of seventy-one. He was one of the few of a generation that is rapidly passing away. His was a *long* life; and it was a *useful* life.

"He was born in Springfield, Mass., whence he removed to New York, in which city he passed the most active of the business years of his life. His work accomplished, he took up his residence in this town; and for the last thirty-four years he has been identified with whatever progress it has made. Most of you who are here present know far more of him than I, and of his active interest in the growth and prosperity of this village. My knowledge, in this respect, extends over the past five years only. During that period, I have always regarded him as full of the energy that belonged to a man of younger years, and in a better state of physical health. Though suffering in this interval from acute disease, he was almost always to be seen daily going to, and returning from his office, where he always occupied himself with a regular routine of business. In this particular, his systematic habits, no doubt, prolonged his days. For his mind was taken off from self and fully occupied with other things. And thus he led an active life until its very close.

"His, also, was a *successful* life. He accomplished what he aimed for. And this can be said of very few. The vast majority of people accomplish nothing, because at the outset of their career they have no definite object in view. This was by no means the case with our departed brother. He had a defined object before him, and that was to do good in his day and generation, to be a useful member of society, and thus to benefit himself and others. The one who labors for material wealth out of mere love of money, seldom succeeds. But he whose energies are inspired by a higher motive, making the material wealth a secondary matter, and aiming simply to be useful in his day, is almost always successful. This was eminently the case with our departed friend. And the secret of his success in whatever he undertook was, that he was no visionary. But, as already stated, he had a well-defined object in view which he undeviatingly pursued. Strict honesty and integrity, moreover, distinguished all his transactions. His reliance upon his own judgment was remarkable. He would always abide by his decisions. Having once resolved that his course of action was right, it was in vain to attempt to turn him from it. This, and the other qualities which he possessed, and to which reference has been made, eminently fitted him to move in a larger

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sphere of activity than that which he occupied. But he courted retirement, and so the larger portion of his days was spent in the quiet of this beautiful village."

In the year 1849, Henry W. Clapp contributed more than $8000 towards the erection of the St. James Episcopal Church in Greenfield. From a memorial notice in the records of that church the following extract is taken:

"In looking back over the past history of our church in this town, we, the members of St. James's Parish, cannot but recall with gratitude that, under God, we are greatly indebted to Mr. Clapp for a large measure of our prosperity as a church. It was the fact of our parish being established here which influenced him to select this town as his place of residence. On his removal hither, he at once took an active interest in the affairs of the parish, and it was through his liberality mainly that the present beautiful stone church was erected, which now adorns our village. Faithful and efficient in the discharge of every duty, strictly honest and upright in all his many and varied business relations, his loss will be felt by the community generally, as well as by this parish in which for so many years he was a constant worshipper. We offer our sympathy to his afflicted family, and to the prayer that God will afford them consolation, we will add this petition, that He will shed abroad His love in our hearts, that we, following the good examples of His departed Saints and plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Him be plenteously rewarded."

Henry Baldwin,[8] son of Henry W. Clapp, m. Julia Frances Bolles, of Newark, N. J., and was killed at a fire in a steam-mill (not in battle as stated in the text), where he was heroically endeavoring to prevent an explosion. The following tribute to his memory is from a Greenfield paper:

"'Ponder well and know the right,
Onward, then with all thy might,
Duty be thy polar guide,
Do the right whate'er betide.'"

"And so he did from childhood. Thoughtful, prompt, self-controlling, conscientious, kind and loving, he passed his youth, and entered the arena of life, strong in his manhood's strength. For the past, almost a puerile contempt, for the present, master, and for the future hopeful and determined. To him life had no antagonism he dared not meet; no obstacle that could not be overcome. Present duty was his motto, in whatever position placed. He had won the respect of the community by his sterling integrity as a man, and by his sympathy, kindness, and benevolence to the needy and suffering he had won all hearts. Every desirable enterprise met his cordial approval, his ready aid. To our Library he was a devoted friend, and that his memory still lives, is fully proved, by the constant recurrence to his name, as associated so agreeably with the last fair held for that noble object. In that he was the ruling, guiding spirit, and to it he lent all his tact and judgment, with constant and unwearied labor. All his plans were so systematically arranged, so judiciously and pleasantly defined, it was easy co-operating with him, and all so associated rendered cheerful and ready response to his slightest wish.

"He was a leader under whom it would be an honor and pleasure to serve. Such confidence did he inspire, that had he been commander of armed forces, his corps would have been invincible. But the destroyer, that universal conqueror of all, came—the hope of friends blighted, the home atmosphere darkened, the public heart saddened by the darkness which so suddenly extinguished the bright rays of noonday splendor. In a moment the wheels

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of life were stopped, and all the dreams of love and power and hope were gone. Forever? No,

> "A voice within us speaks the startling word,"
> "'Man thou shalt never die;
> ——according harps
> By angel fingers touched sound forth still,
> The song of our great immortality.'"

Elizabeth Johnson,[8] dau. of Henry W. Clapp, m. William H. Allen, of Greenfield. *Isabella*[8] m. in 1863 (not 1864) and her husband, F. B. Russell, d. in 1870 (not in 1868). The third son of *Benj. W.*[7] son of Parsons[6] Clapp, is *Samuel Demitt*[8] (not Dennett).

No. 127 (p. 24).—WINTHROP.[6] Whether his son *Julius*[7] was m is not known, but there was a wife of a Julius Clapp who d. in Northampton, Oct. 21, 1838.

No. 134 (p. 25).—THADDEUS.[6] The statement that his son *Zenas*[7] m. Pamelia Clay in 1822 is evidently incorrect. He was probably confounded with *Zenas*,[7] No. 703, page 61.

No. 139 (p. 25).—ELEANOR.[5] She d. July 12, 1748.

No. 143 (p. 25).—ELIPHAZ.[5] It is questionable whether he d. Aug. 28, or Sept. 4, 1748.

No. 144 (p. 26).—ELIJAH.[5] Some accounts call him "Elisha."

No. 155 (p. 26).—ELIJAH.[5] Northampton Records say he was born Nov. 1, 1733, but this might have been another child who d. in infancy.

No. 157 (p. 26).—TIMOTHY.[5] He d. in 1786.

No. 158 (p. 26).—SAMUEL.[5] The date of his death is evidently wrong, and may have been mistaken for 1781.

No. 164 (p. 27).—HOPHNI.[6] Lyman, in his History of Easthampton, mentions a Dr. Hophni Clapp, a native of Southampton, who came to Easthampton about the year 1790. This Dr. Clapp stood high in his profession, took considerable interest in town affairs, and was honored with many offices of trust.

No. 168 (p. 27).—RUSSELL.[6] His eldest child, *Sibella P.*,[7] was born in Westhampton, and was twice married. By her first husband, she had two children. She m. second, Feb. 8, 1837, Salmon Hart, and had one child. *Moses*,[7] Russell's second child, was b. in Westhampton, and his wife, Almira, was b. May 9, 1816. *Eunice D.*,[7] Russell's sixth child, was b. in Otisco, N. Y., and has three children.

No. 181 (p. 28).—SETH.[6] *Dorcas*,[7] dau. of Seth and Thankful Clapp, d. in Northampton in 1797.

No. 182 (p. 28).—ESTHER.[6] She was m. Jan. 13, 1796.

No. 183 (p. 28).—SPENCER.[6] His wife Diana d. May 3, 1834, aged 50 years. He is perhaps confounded with Spencer, No. 649.

No. 186 (p. 28).—LYDIA.[6] She m. Mr. Charles Emerson.

No. 187 (p. 28).—ANSEL.[6] *Sophia*,[7] his youngest child, had five children.

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No. 191 (p. 28).—CATHARINE.[5] A Catharine Clapp m. in Northampton, Nov. 1, 1792, Jonas Clark.

No. 194 (p. 29).—OLIVER.[5]—One of his wives was probably Dorcas Clapp (No. 317), a distant relative.

No. 195 (p. 29).—RICHARD.[6] *Christopher C.*,[7] here given as a son of Richard, is a case of mistaken identity. Even whether Richard had a son Christopher is not certain, but the Christopher C. here recorded with his family belongs to the isolated branch, beginning with EBENEZER described on page 318.

No. 198 (p. 29).—DOROTHY.[5] It is questionable whether she m. in 1783 or 1785.

No. 207 (p. 30).—THOMAS.[6] This was not the Thomas Clapp who m. Phebe Blackmar. That was Thomas No. 3, p. 319, of the descendants of JOHN.

No. 212 (p. 30).—JOHN.[5] His wife Lucy d. July 11, 1843, aged 72 years.

No. 214 (p. 54).—JOEL.[5] He m. Mercy Pomeroy.

No. 222 (p. 31).—ANGELINE.[5] She was under 21 years of age in 1816.

No. 237 (p. 56).—JONATHAN.[5] The name of his second wife was Margaret Roquell (not "Roguel"). The tavern which he kept was in a house which he built across the way from his father's old stand. He is mentioned as moderator in Easthampton in 1787.

No. 238 (p. 56).—JOSEPH.[5] He served as a Captain in the War of the Revolution. About the year 1785, he built a fulling mill on Broad Brook, where he fulled, colored and dressed cloth; as there were but few mills of the kind, then, he carried on quite a large and profitable business. In 1793, he opened a tavern at the old stand of Joseph Bartlett, who first opened it in 1727, where he served the public till his death, in 1797. His house is still standing, and after being occupied by his son, Dea. Thaddeus Clapp, was (in 1866) owned by Lucas W. Hannum. Captain Joseph Clapp is mentioned as moderator in Easthampton in 1787.

No. 239 (p. 57).—BENJAMIN.[5] He was a Quartermaster in the War of the Revolution. His father lay sick at Pittsfield, under Benjamin's care, at the time of the Battle of Bennington, and they could distinctly hear the roar of the artillery. This so fired the ardor of the son to participate in the engagement that he expressed such a desire to his father, who replied, "No, my son, you must stay and take care of me." He is mentioned as constable in Easthampton in 1786.

No. 240 (p. 32).—SUBMIT.[5] A little son Lucas was drowned about the year 1790. Her husband was Lieut. Asahel Clark. He was at the battle of Lake George, fought Sept. 8, 1755, and bravely aided in the repulse of the enemy under Baron Dieskau. He was also at Ticonderoga, in 1758, where the English were in their turn defeated. He was made a prisoner by the insurgents during the Shays rebellion in 1788, and was severely wounded in an effort to escape from his captor, from whom he afterwards obtained damage by legal process. He was a man of high spirit and great courage.

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No. 248 (p. 32).—AARON.[5] Probably the one who was constable in Easthampton in 1785.

No. 251 (p. 33).—QUARTUS.[6] His dau. (if he had one of that name) was probably not the *Electa* who m. Lysander C. Avery. That was *Electa C.*,[8] dau. of Quartus[7] (No. 500), p. 48.

No. 258 (p. 33).—DIADEMA.[6] Not "Diodema."

No. 267 (p. 33).—LEVI.[5] He moved to Easthampton, and is one of the revolutionary soldiers credited to that town. He had a daughter *Jerusha*.[6]

No. 268 (p. 33).—LEVI.[6] His wife, Phebe Clapp, is No. 656, on page 59. His second child, *Achsah*,[7] m. James H. Lyman, who was a son of Daniel and Sally (Clapp No. 639) Lyman.

No. 269 (p. 33).—ANGELINE.[6] She was b. in Easthampton, and m. Dec. 13, 1838. Her husband was b. Oct. 21, 1796.

No. 282 (p. 34).—ASAHEL.[6] He m. first, Sarah Clark, of Northampton. She d. Feb. 14, 1808, leaving three children. He m. again and had several children.

Children of ASAHEL and 1st wife SARAH (Clark) CLAPP, of Northampton:

Asahel,[7] was b. at Northampton, Jan. 24, 1804; at the age of four years, his mother died; he then for 13 years resided with his father's uncle Oliver, and with Oliver's son Charles, and with the latter moved to Huntsburg, Ohio. In the year 1825, he returned to Northampton, and in July, 1833, married Charlotte A., daughter of Chauncey May, of Pittsfield. In October, 1834, he moved to Monroe Co., Mich., where he resided until Nov., 1835, when he settled permanently in St. Joseph Co., Mich. He has held several important offices of trust in his township and county. In 1854, he was elected Register of Deeds of St. Joseph Co., to which position he was reëlected for ten consecutive years. He is the senior member of the firm of A. Clapp & Son, merchants and bankers, White Pigeon, Mich. Children: **i.** *Theodore E.*,[8] born at Ida, Monroe Co., Mich., Sept. 16, 1835. He is now Postmaster at White Pigeon, which position he has held for fourteen years. He is the junior member of the firm of A. Clapp & Son, merchants and bankers. Married April 8, 1858, Mary A. Austin, at White Pigeon, Mich., and has: (1) *Harry A.*,[9] b. June 16, 1862; (2) *Martha*,[9] b. Jan. 29, 1864; (3) *Lucy*,[9] b. Oct. 24, 1867. **ii.** *Leverett A.*,[8] b. at Mottville, St. Joseph Co, Mich., June 24, 1837; m. Dec. 6, 1864, Amanda E. Hampson, at Centreville, Mich., where they now reside. Since his majority, he has continuously held important positions of trust and honor in his township, county and State. In 1872, the Republican State Convention placed him in nomination for the honorable position of Commissioner of State Land Office of Mich., to which position he was elected by a majority of nearly 60,000. In 1874, he was reëlected to the same office, and which he occupies at the present time. He has taken much interest in the publication of this work. He has one child: (1) *Edwin L.*,[9] b. Sept. 24, 1865. **iii.** *Lucy A*,[8] b. at Mottville, May

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27, 1840; d. July 15, 1860. **iv.** *Frances E.*,[8] b. at Mottville, April 11, 1841; m. Dec. 16, 1864, Andrew T. Morton, Jr. They now reside at Ann Arbor, Mich. **v.** *Emory G.*,[8] b at Mottville, Sept. 28, 1843; d. March 8, 1867. **vi.** *Nettie L.*,[8] b. at Mottville, June 16, 1849; m. Jan. 12, 1875, Joe E. Van Fleet. They reside at White Pigeon. **vii.** *Ernest A.*,[8] b. at Mottville, Sept. 25, 1852; d. Oct. 2, 1854.

Abigail[7]
Sally.[7]

No. 284 (p. 34).—Jonas.[6] He was b. in Northampton, May 3, 1787, and d. Feb. 22, 1843. His wife, Martha Ann Baker, was b. in Milton, Nov. 20, 1793. Children: **i.** *Chester*,[7] m. first, Sarah Reed, of Hartford, Ct.; second, Harriet Gouge, of Windsor, Ct., and d. September, 1867, and has: (1) *Henry Chester*;[8] (2) *Edward*;[8] (3) *Kate*,[8] dead; (4) *Hattie*;[8] (5) *George*;[8] (6) *Louis*,[8] dead. **ii.** *Cephas*,[7] b. June 27, 18—; m. Mildred D. Snow, of Mansfield, Ct.; no issue. **iii.** *Lydia Maria*,[7] m. Lewis Clapp, of Northampton; no children. **iv.** *Caleb*,[7] b. April 3, 1817; m. March 10, 1842, Sarah Maria Saxton, b. June 22, 1822. They live in Hartford, Ct., and have: (1) *Henry P.*,[8] b. March 26, 1843; served in the 12th Conn. Reg't during the late war; (2) *Caleb T.*,[8] d. in infancy; (3) *Allen C.*,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1845, was Master's Mate in U.S. Steamer Honeysuckle in the late War—m. Oct. 2, 1866, Katie L. Fuller; (4 & 5) *Edgar T.*[8] and *Howard D.*[8] d. in infancy; (6) *Howard S.*,[8] b. April 28, 1851, grad. at Yale College in 1872, afterwards admitted to orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is now in Wethersfield, Ct.; (7) *Willie M.*,[8] b. Aug. 31, 1852; (8 & 9) *Charles B.*[8] and *Frank*,[8] d. in infancy; (10) *Arthur S*,[8] b. March 25, 1858. **v.** *Martha Ann*,[7] b. May 3, 18—; m. Curtis W. Braman, of Brighton, Mass., and have six children. **vi** *Allen Edwin*,[7] b. Dec. 5, 18—; d. Oct. 21, 1868; m. Martha W. Higley, of Hartford, Ct.; no issue. **vii.** *Caroline Electa*,[7] b. Dec. 14, 18—; d. Jan. 10, 1875; m. Sept. 28, 1842, Edwin Lyman Kingsley, of Northampton, and had three children. **viii.** *William Richard*,[7] m. Julia Meacham, of Northampton, and has: (1) *William*;[8] (2) *Charles*;[8] (3) *Ella*;[8] (4) *Julia*.[8] **ix.** *Esther Augusta*,[7] b. April 19, 18—; m. David Giles Corbin, of Ellington, Ct.; no children. **x.** *Lucy Ann*,[7] b. April 2, 18—; m. Charles Smith, of Belchertown, Mass., and has a son. **xi.** *Hooker Jones*,[7] b. March 4, 18—; m. Martha Clark, of Middletown, Ct.; no issue. **xii.** **xiii.** and **xiv.** *James Dwight*,[7] *Henry Luther*[7] and *Sarah Elizabeth*,[7] d. in infancy. **xv.** *Harriet E. P.*[7]

No. 286 (p. 34).—Electa.[6] After her death, her husband Phineas Allen m. second, Frances T. Clapp (No. 545). A son of Phineas and Electa, Phineas Allen, Jr., m. Maria Clapp (No. 824).

No. 290 (p. 35).—Azariah.[6] Elizabeth, widow of an Azariah Clapp, d. in Northampton, Sept. 5, 1841.

No. 291 (p. 35).—Elisha.[6] His wife Frances T. Clapp (No. 545) m. second, Phineas Allen, whose first wife was Electa Clapp (No. 286).

No. 294 (p. 35).—Charlotte.[6] She m. Nov. 21, 1821, William Ferry, of Springfield.

No. 297 (p. 35).—Solomon.[5] He d. in 1793.

No. 307 (p. 36).—Theodocia.[6] Her first husband, Eleazer Ring, was

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killed while superintending the removal of a building. He accidentally fell beneath the building while in progress, and it passed over his body before the team could be stopped. Her second husband, James Clapp, is No. 18 of the isolated family of JOHN, recorded on page 320.

No. 310 (p. 36).—AUGUSTUS.[6] It is in a field belonging to Augustus Clapp that the first burial place of Easthampton is situated. There is very little left to mark where the remains of those hardy pioneers now rest.

No. 316 (p. 36).—ISRAEL.[5] He was b. in Northampton, June 13, 1764. He was bound out to learn the trade of clothier and weaver, under a Mr. Edwards, which latter he followed as long as he was able. At the age of 16, he went with his employer to Galway, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and m. Lucy Palmer, dau. of Mr. Othniel Palmer,* of Galway. They removed to Jefferson, now Throop, N. Y., in the spring of 1795,† and he kept the first inn opened in that town. He died there in 1855.

Children of ISRAEL and LUCY (Palmer) CLAPP:

Charles,[6] b. in Galway, N. Y., and removed with his father to Jefferson, N. Y.; m. Amelia Craw, dau. of Seth and sister of Morris who m. his sister Silence, and has: **i.** *Mortimer*.[6] **ii.** *Horace Bidwell*,[6] a teacher in Michigan; m. and has children. **iii.** *Rhoda*,[7] m. Daniel Vananken, and has six children. **iv.** *Christopher Columbus*.[7] **v.** *Wright*.[7] **vi.** *Wilhelmina*,[7] m. **vii.** *Lucy*,[7] m. Eli Knapp. **viii.** *Adaline Augusta*,[7] m. Charles Swayne, of Port Byron, N. Y.

Horatio[6] (Orris), b. in Galway; m. Hannah R. Burge; settled first in Cato, thence to Throop, thence to Marengo, N. Y., and d. there. Children: **i.** *Ethelia Burge*[7] m. Meltyre Lathrop, and settled in Mich., but d. in Marengo, N. Y. **ii.** *Israel*,[7] m. Harriet Rogers; settled in Mich., thence to Utah, thence to California; no issue. **iii.** *Almina*,[7] m. Mr. Baker; lived in Wisconsin. **iv.** *William Smith*,[7] m. and lives in California. **v.** *Charles Henry*,[7] is a physician, in California; m. and has four children. **vi.** *Hannah Keziah*.[7] lives in Carson City; a teacher; unm. **vii.** *Lucy*,[7] m. twice, and now lives in Fort Edward, N. Y. **viii.** *Sarah Jane*,[7] m. Chauncey Smith, and now lives in Ripon, Wis. **ix.** *Allen Benton*,[7] d. an infant.

Silence,[6] m. Morris Craw; they settled in South Butler, N. Y., and had ten children. Silence d. and he m second, Dorcas, sister of his first wife, and widow of Howell Bidwell. The two sisters were originally married under one ceremony in September, 1815.

Chester,[6] b. July 27, 1793; m. Eleanor Stillwell, of Saratoga, and settled in Ballston, N. Y.; both living in 1875, in the Stillwell homestead in Ballston. Children: **i.** *Marcella Jane*,[7] m. Charles Harris, and settled in Mich. **ii.** *Russell Palmer*, lives in Ballston, N. Y., and is Secretary of the People's line of steamers on

* Othniel Palmer married Silence Stevens. He moved from Galway, and was one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Jefferson, afterwards Mentz, now Throop. He built the first gristmill of the town; his daughter Hannah was the first marriage, and her son the first white child born, in the town.

† Peter Ten Broeck to Israel Clapp, of Co. of Onondaga, Farmer, Feb. 23, 1797; Lot No. 15, Aurelius; Cons. £780; 600 acres Onondaga.—*Deeds Book E.* 540, *Clerk's Office Cayuga Co., N. Y.*

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Hudson River; m. and has: (1) *Mary Adell*,[8] (2) *Frankie*,[8] d. in 1875; also other children. **iii.** *William Stillwell*,[7] graduated at Hamilton College, and became a Baptist preacher; m. first, a daughter of Daniel Drew, and had two children; m. second, ..., and had four children. He is now settled in Westchester, N. Y. **iv.** *John Alexander*,[7] m. and has four children. **v.** *Harmon Wallis*,[7] d. in Wisconsin; he has a son *John*[8] living in New York city. **vi.** *Edward Latimer*,[7] served in the War of the Rebellion, and has furnished for the Memorial the following graphic sketch of his experience during that war:

"I enlisted in the 9th Minnesota Infantry, August, 1862, from Mower County, Minnesota; served in a campaign against the Indians just after the Sioux Massacre, under Gen. Sibley; was stationed at Fort Ridgely, Minn., during the winter of 1862-3; rose to the position of Sergeant Major, and was most of the time away from my company on detached service, in the Adjutant General's Department, and in acting adjutant of the post while at the above-named fort. Went south with my company and regiment early in the season of 1863, to Missouri, where I was again taken from my company by order of Major Gen. Brown, commanding district of Missouri, and located at Jefferson city—afterwards removed his head-quarters to Warrensburgh, Mo. I remained with him during my stay in the State, and remember him with much pleasure for his many kind acts and good advice to me. He was an officer and a gentleman. In June, 1865, our regiment was relieved from duty in Missouri, and ordered south again. Arrived in Memphis just as a detachment was fitting out against Rebel Gen. Forrest, of Fort Pillow notoriety. Our regiment joined the company, which numbered, I believe, about 9,000 in infantry, cavalry and artillery, with commissary and quarter-master stores sufficient for a long march. After going about 70 miles east from Memphis, we encountered Forrest, with only about half as many in force, and were routed and hunted like wolves all through the woods between Gun Town and Memphis—or Bruce's Cross Roads, as it is called. Many were taken prisoners, and I among the number. We fought and marched all one day in the rain, and retreated and fought all night. I had plenty of rations with me, but could not eat; wearied and foot-sore, down-hearted and almost discouraged by our shameful defeat, I could not eat; I wanted rest. Early in the morning of the second day, I reached Ripley, Miss., on my way back to Memphis. Here our troops divided, taking two roads. We were not in good order or spirits, for a long retreat, and being continually harassed by rebel cavalry, we kept dropping off until but about a dozen of our regiment remained. I knew I should not be able to hold my place in the extreme rear to Memphis, which was about 50 miles; still was determined to stick by the remnant of our little army so long as I had strength. Soon a yell and a dash from some secreted rebels drove what few cavalry we had in the rear guard right on to us. With hardly strength to stand up, we could not resist this additional burden of frightened cavalrymen, and I was struck by a horse and thrown into the brush by the road-side. I crept softly to the fence and lay still as I could until all the rebels had passed by and it was quiet as a Sabbath morning. It had been raining again during the morning, and was wet and muddy. During the fight, I had left boots, stockings and blouse, so, with pants rolled up to my knees, a-la-cow-boy, I hurried through the brush into the woods and began to look for a place of rest; found an old burned log, and, in company with another unfortunate like myself, lay down beside it and threw a large rubber blanket over us, using my haversack for a pillow and intending to lunch from it when I awoke. But I awoke sooner than I expected, and saw one of the rebels sitting on a mule with a two-

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barreled shot-gun demanding us to rise. We could do only as we were bidden, and were marched into a farm-yard about a mile distant —a prisoner of war; but I little realized what it meant at that time. Had I known what I was to suffer, I doubt whether I should have obeyed my finder so readily. After a sufficient number were collected together, we were marched back over the same route we had retreated by to the station on the Mobile and Corinth Railroad, Gun Town, where we took "palace" cars (cattle had been carried in the same cars before) for Meriden, Miss. By boat and rail, and after quite a time had elapsed, we were carried across the southern States to Andersonville, Georgia. I remained in the prison pen about four months, and then, on account of my familiarity with the routine of business in the Adjutant General's Office, was detailed by Capt. Wirtz, then in command of the prison, to duty outside, and was assigned with Surgeon R. M. Stevenson in charge of hospital connected with the prison. I had entire charge of his office, attended to all his correspondence, and made all his reports to the Confederate War Department during the remainder of my stay at Andersonville.

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"But in that city of disease and death, filth, hunger, and almost nakedness, we lived through that long, fearful summer, and, through a strange Providence, while over 12,000 slept in the yard beyond the prison, we were allowed to return home. I am enjoying good health, and only a slight remnant of prison disease is troubling me, for which I have every reason to be thankful. My weight was 167½ when taken prisoner; after four months in the pen, my weight was 103. Was exchanged in December, at Fort Pulaski, Savannah, Georgia, and placed on detached service again under Col. Mulford, our agent of exchange; remained with him about four weeks; went to Minnesota, and then returned and joined my regiment at New Orleans. My meeting with my dear old comrades I cannot describe. Was through the taking of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, opposite Mobile, with my regiment, and was on detached service in office of Gen. McArthur while he was in command at Selma, Ala., and Montgomery. Was here ordered by Gen. Smith to report in person at Memphis, Tenn., to identify a person they had in arrest, supposed to be the Capt. Wirtz commanding at Andersonville. They were mistaken, and the man released. War was now nearly closed, and, through kindness of Maj. Gen. Smith, I was here mustered out of service and returned to Wisconsin, when I wrote a small book, entitled 'Andersonville—Six Months a Prisoner of War,' in pamphlet form, and sold them through the North-west."

Edward L. Clapp m. first, Louisa M. Raymond; second, Oct. 17, 1867, Emily F. Gregory, of Troy. N. Y. Child by 1st wife: (1) *L. Albert*,[8] b. May 21, 1855. Children by 2d wife: (2) *William Stillwell*,[8] b. Jan. 7, 1869, d. May 30, 1870; (3) *Edward L.*,[8] b. Nov. 7, 1870; (4) *Carrie H.*,[8] b April 14, 1873.

Othniel,[6] b. Nov. 27, 1794, in Galway, N. Y.; came with his parents to Throop, N. Y., when he was three months old; m. Oct. 17, 1819, Lucy Chamberlain Tilden, dau. of Stephen and Roxalana (Powell) Tilden, of Hartford, Vt., b. March 26, 1794, and d. Aug. 15, 1871, aged 77 years 4 months and 20 days; he settled in Ira, Cayuga Co., N. Y., on a farm given him for military services during the war of 1812. Othniel Clapp served as a musician in Fort Niagara, near Buffalo, N. Y., and afterwards as a private, seeing little active service. He and his brothers Israel and Horatio were drafted. Other brothers served without being drafted. By virtue of their connection with the

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Light Infatntry, Israel, Chester and Othniel received pensions from the government. He resided in Ira till 1865, when he removed to Auburn. Children: **i.** *Lucinda Tilden*,[7] b. Aug. 15, 1820, in Cato, Cayuga, Co., New York; resides with her father, unm. **ii.** *Marian Louisa*,[7] b. Sept. 13, 1824, in Ira, Cayuga Co. N. Y.; is now living, unm., with her father in Auburn, N. Y. **iii.** *Emerous Donaldson*,[7] b. Nov. 12, 1828. He removed to Auburn in 1856, and is at present an extensive manufacturer of carriage makers' hardware; he m. Nov. 9, 1847, Sarah Van Patten, and has: (1) *Delamer Edward*,[8] b. Nov. 9, 1849; graduated at Yale College, and was connected with the editorial department of the *Hartford Courant*, but is now in business with his father; (2) *Viola Isabel*,[8] b. in Ira, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1851; (3) *Emma Juliet*,[8] b. in Auburn, N. Y., June 16, 1862. **iv.** *Edward Allison*,[7] b. May 21, 1830. He was educated at Falley Seminary, Fulton, N. Y.; admitted to the bar; removed to Hudson, Wis., became a prominent lawyer, and was Judge of the Circuit Court in that district. He enlisted in the 4th Reg't Wis. Vols. in the War of the Rebellion, and was killed in the charge on Port Hudson, having volunteered as an aid to Gen. Sherman, on whose staff he was serving in the capacity of judge advocate; he never married.

Israel,[6] b. in Throop, N. Y., in March, 1796; m. Betsey Swain, and settled in South Butler, Wayne Co., N. Y. Children: **i.** *Magdalena Colan Burtopsy*,[7] m. Mortimer Sweeting, M D. **ii.** *John Livingston*,[7] m. Francis Wood, and has *Cassius Marius Clay*.[8] **iii.** *Byron*,[7] unm **iv.** *Achsah Augusta*,[7] m. Jerome Hibbard. **v.** *Mary Olmstead*,[7] d. unm. **vi.** *William Hunter*,[7] m. **vii.** *Alexander Campbell*,[7] m. **viii.** *Joanna Swain*,[7] m. Mr. Barber.

Dorcas,[6] b. Dec. 17, 1798; m. first, Sept 28, 1815, Howell Bidwell, a farmer of South Butler, N. Y., and had nine children; he d. in Marshall, Mich., in 1837, and she m. second, in May, 1846, Morris Craw, husband of her sister Silence deceased, and returned to N. Y.; he d. in 1872, and she returned to Albion, Mich., and d. there March 24, 1875, at the residence of a son-in-law.

Lucy,[6] b. Feb. 2, 1800; m. July 4, 1819, Dr. Daniel Waite, settled in Throopsville, and had eleven children; she d. in Illinois.

Benjamin Billings,[6] b. Dec. 27, 1802; m. Jan. 2, 1833, Laura Jane Green, dau. of Archibald Green, formerly sheriff of Cayuga Co., and sister of A. M. Green, a prominent man in Port Byron, Cayuga Co. He settled in Port Byron, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. Children: **i.** *Merrick Green*,[7] b. March 29, 1834; m. Nov. 29, 1860, Antoinette Van Vulkenburgh; he is a commission merchant in New York city. **ii.** *Robert Phelps*,[7] b. Dec. 7, 1836; a commission merchant in New York, in company with his brother; unm. **iii.** *Lawrence Hamlin*,[7] b. Jan. 28, 1839; was a planter in Natchez, Miss., now in New Orleans, La.; unm. **iv.** *Mary Eliza*,[7] born May 24, 1841; m. Jan. 9, 1868, William W. Robinson, and lives at Spring Lake, Michigan. **v.** *Emma Sophia*,[7] b. July 23, 1847.

Achsah Edwards,[6] b. in Throop, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1804. She resided with her parents during their life-time, in the old homestead, a

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half mile west of Thornville. In all her relations of life she sustained a high position. While her parents were living, she felt it a duty to minister to their wants and comforts as far as possible. She m. Henry King Graves, and d. in 1875.

Russell,[6] b. March, 1806; d. at 3 months

Ancyanda Bassett,[6] b. Dec. 23, 1807; m. Cook Tyler, and is still living among her friends in New York State.

Cephas Wright,[6] b. in 1810; m. Electa Tryphena Green, sister of his brother Benjamin's wife, and is now living in Owasso, Mich. Children: **i.** *Mary Lucretia*,[7] m. Mr. Peck. **ii.** *Eleanor*,[7] d. aged 12 years. **iii.** *Frances Uriah*,[7] unm.

Ursula,[6] b. in March, 1812; m. in 1831, Maurice Converse, of Throopsville; he was a tanner and currier, afterwards a farmer on the old Clapp homestead; afterwards a tanner and currier in Port Byron, and finally in Fruitport, Mich. She had seven children, and d. Jan. 23, 1870.

[For the above full record of Israel Clapp, No. 316, and his descendants, the publishers are indebted, in addition to correspondence with members of the family in Auburn, N. Y., to genealogical notes collected and kindly forwarded by John S. Clark, Esq., of Auburn, N. Y.]

No. 317 (p. 37).—Dorcas.[5] Her husband Oliver Clapp is probably No. 194, page 29.

No. 318 (p. 37).—Miriam.[5] She m. Feb. 4, 1790.

No. 321 (p. 37).—Zenas.[5] The family of Zenas is continued on page 90.

No. 325 (p. 37).—Bohan.[5] He had two children besides those in the text, namely: *Quartus*,[6] d. Sept. 8, 1793; and *Simeon L.*,[6] b. Aug. 12, 1812, d. Sept. 4, 1813.

No. 326 (p. 37).—Daniel.[6] Henry, son of a Daniel and Margaret Clapp, was b. in Northampton, Oct. 15, 1819.

No. 327 (p. 37).—Quartus.[6] A Quartus Clapp m. Cynthia Pierce, Feb. 1, 1827.

No. 331 (p. 37).—Martha.[6] A Martha Clapp m. Sept. 30, 1829, Ansel Abell.

No. 336 (p. 37).—Edward.[6] He m. June 1, 1825, Hannah Wright.

No. 338 (p. 37).—Elijah.[6] His name was Elijah D., and he m. Nov. 1, 1838, Mary Hartshorn.

No. 340 (p. 38).—Sophia.[6] She married, May 22, 1822, William Davis, Jr.

No. 341 (p. 38).—Elizabeth.[6] She m. Jan. 18, 1826.

No. 347 (p. 38).—John.[6] His great-grandson, the son of John B. Clapp, of Hartford, is named *John Roswell*, instead of "Roswell J."

No. 352 (p. 39).—Henry.[6] His son *Henry*,[7] known in New York society as the "King of the Bohemians," was buried at Nantucket, his native place, under the direction of Mr. George S. McWatters, of a committee representing many acquaintances of Mr. Clapp in New

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York. A granite monument will be erected over his grave, bearing on the four sides the following inscription and epitaph, written by William Winter.

I.

Here Rests
HENRY CLAPP, JR.,
Journalist—Satirist—Orator.

In early manhood he was a
worker for Religion, Temperance
and the Slave.
In later years he was acquainted
with grief.

Born at Nantucket,
He
Died at New York,
April 2, 1875.

II.

"Figaro."

III.

Wit stops to grieve and Laughter stops to sigh
That so much wit and laughter e'er could die;
But Pity, conscious of its anguish past,
Is glad this tortured spirit rests at last.
His purpose, thought and goodness ran to waste;
He made a happiness he could not taste;
Mirth could not help him; talent could not save;
Through cloud and storm he drifted to the grave.
Ah, give his memory—who made the cheer,
And gave so many smiles—a single tear!

IV.

This stone, the gift of many admirers of original character and talent, was erected here by William Winter, Stephen Fiske, Charles Delmonico, George H. Butler and George S. McWatters, representing the friends of Henry Clapp in the city of New York.

A correspondent of the *Boston Daily Globe*, under date of April 16, 1875, contributed the following Reminiscences of Henry Clapp, Jr., to that paper:

"His most brilliant piece of wit was upon Horace Greeley, who, in commenting in the Tribune upon a communication in the World signed M. B., asked 'Who is M. B.?' The World replied, 'Who is H. G.?' Mr. Clapp addressed a note to the World, saying, 'H. G. is a self-made man, and worships his creator.' A table, with a pipe for each Bohemian, was always reserved at Pfaff's. One evening, Mr. Clapp found a Frenchman seated at the table, smoking one of the pipes. When he had done with it, Mr. Clapp took it up, held it at arm's length, dropped and broke it. The Frenchman sprang to his feet, and poured out his anger in French, which Mr. Clapp

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spoke with perfect facility, but looked as if he did not understand a word. The Frenchman finally dashed down his card before Mr. Clapp, who, without looking at him, quietly put a lump of sugar on it. The Frenchman in despair rushed out of the room. Mr. Clapp became tired of the New York habit in omnibuses of handing money to a stranger to be passed to the driver, without a word of request or of thanks. When money was thus handed to him, he would look at it and quietly put it in his pocket. The owner of the money, after vain looks of indignation, would demand his money, which Mr. Clapp would imperturbably return.

"Mr. Clapp told the writer that, when he was living in Paris, Mr. Greeley came, in some degree, 'consigned' to him. Among other things, he had to prepare him for an evening party. With much difficulty, he got him to don a dress coat and white cravat, but, when it came to shoes or light boots, Mr. Greeley said: 'My wife has put just the right thing into my trunk,' and produced one pair of bright red and another pair of bright green slippers, and said that one pair of them he would wear; and, in spite of all Mr. Clapp could do, the bright green ones he did wear. I asked Mr. Clapp if Mr. Greeley really saw and understood French life. 'No,' said he; 'but, nevertheless, he sat down every night, and wrote home what he had not seen by day.'"

No. 400 (p. 43).—MARY.[7] Her husband, Antipas Jackson, was b. Jan. 30, 1796, and her children were all born in Watertown.

No. 419 (p. 44).—MARTHA.[7] She m. Jan. 1, 1828.

No. 422 (p. 44).—CATHARINE G.[7] Her second husband, Hiram Clapp, is No. 714.

No. 492 (p. 48).—THADDEUS.[6] He d. Jan. 19, 1861, aged 87 years.

No. 505 (p. 48).—PAUL.[6] He was over 14 years of age in 1787.

No. 508 (p. 48).—SIMEON.[6] He was under 14 years of age in 1787. He m. Polly Rust, and settled in Luzerne, Warren Co., N. Y. He was a mill-wright by trade; about the year 1813, he lost his eye sight, and spent three or four thousand dollars in a vain effort to recover it.

No. 510 (p. 48).—OTIS.[7] He m. first, in 1837, Mary D. Ramsdell, who d. in Boston, Feb. 8, 1844. He m. second, Aug. 6, 1846, her sister Lucy Ramsdell. He d. Dec. 10, 1847, and his widow m. second, Mr. Hewes. After leaving Boston, he settled in Fairport, New York. "Otis Clapp was very intellectual; his reading was well selected; he had good command of language; was quick at repartee, and was a perfect gentleman at all times. His religious belief was firmly based on the principles of the 'Orthodox Friends,' and he knew why and would render a reason for his belief. He was too generous ever to be rich, but had good ideas of business." Children by first wife: **i.** *Margaret F.*,[8] b. Sept. 21, 1836. **ii.** *Hannah S.*,[8] b. Aug. 23, 1838. **iii.** *Henry E.*,[8] b. May 5, 1841; is now living in San Francisco, Cal. **iv.** *Mary D.*,[8] b. Feb. 4, 1844. Child by second wife: **v.** *Otis*,[8] b. July 3, 1847; lives in Fairport, N. Y.; m. June 1, 1870, Emily Maria Howard, and has: (1) *Edna Louise*,[9] b. May 7, 1871; (2) *Henry Howard*,[9] b. April 11, 1874.

No. 512 (p. 48).—JOHN.[7] He was b. April 28, 1810, in Luzerne, Warren Co., N Y. He m. in the winter of 1833, at Whitesboro', Oneida Co., N. Y., Frances Brockway, and had two sons: **i.** *Simeon Otis.*[8] **ii.** *Lorenzo Hathaway.*[8] John[7] is now living in Sacramento, Cal.

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No. 535 (p. 49).—James Harvey.[6] He m. Mrs. Sarah A. Roy (not Sarah P.).

No. 539 (p. 50).—Everett.[7] He was b. in Belchertown. His wife, Romelia L., is the dau. of Jarvis F. Hanks, and she was b. in Charleston, Va., Aug. 2, 1824. His children are *Knight Leffingwell*,[8] and *Everett Llewellyn*.[8] Everett[7] is in the Insurance business in N. York city, and E. Llewellyn[8] is a printer there.

No. 545 (p. 50).—Frances T.[6] She m. first Elisha Clapp (No. 291); second, Hon. Phineas Allen, whose first wife was Electa Clapp (No. 286).

No. 580 (p. 54).—Cynthia.[6] She m. in Sept. or Oct, 1791, Oliver Clark, Jr., who d. Feb. 2, 1855. They had seven children.

No. 581 (p. 54).—Joel.[6] His wife's name was Tirzah Trowbridge.

No. 586 (p. 54).—Joel Taylor.[7] He m. May 13, 1846. His dau. *Hannah M.*[8] m. Frank P. Cripps.

No. 587 (p. 54). Should be Tirzah Maria.[7]

No. 589 (p. 54).—Elmina.[7] Not "Elmira." There was a Miss "Elvira" Clapp, of Southampton, who, on the 4th of July, 1834, covered the first buttons by machinery in Haydensville—the beginning of the button business.

No 590 (p. 54).—Stephen D.[7] His oldest child, *Horace F.*,[8] is a mason in Westhampton, and his fourth, *Sheldon R.*,[8] is a mason in Southampton.

No. 593 (p. 55).—Abner C.[7] He carried on the business of a confectioner in Albany in 1860.

No. 599 (p. 55).—Mercy Ann.[7] She m. William DeLany, not "DeLancy."

No. 601 (p. 55).—Charles L.[7] The name of his oldest child is *Elbertine Lucetta*,[8] and that of his third, *Velma Elbertine*.[8]

No. 602 (p. 55).—Eunice O.[7] She m Hervey Dachy.

No. 603 (p. 55) —Charity L.[7] She m. Matthew DeLany, not "De Lancy."

No. 607 (p. 56).—Mary.[6] Her husband, Ichabod Wright, was an active, working, highly esteemed christian man. He d. Aug. 1, 1844, being found lying dead in his field, near a small brook, with his face in the water. This sad event was deeply felt by all, and the mystery concerning his death has never been cleared up.

No. 608 (p. 56).—Medad.[6] He was b. July 15, 1786. Not as stated in the text.

No. 612 (p. 56).—Joseph.[6] He opened the first store in Easthampton, and commenced trading in his own house on Main St., in 1792. His father-in-law, Timothy Lyman, on the day of his marriage, is said to have advised him thus: "You are now going to trading; the maxim of the world seems to be, trade so that you can live by it; my advice is, trade so that you can die by it." In a few years, he erected a building on the top of "Meeting House Hill" for a store.

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No. 614 (p. 56).—Sumner G.[7] He graduated at Yale College in 1822.

No. 616 (p. 56).—Alender O.[7] He graduated at Amherst in 1837.

No. 618 (p. 57).—Luther.[6] He succeeded his father, Capt. Joseph Clapp, as tavern keeper, and for fourteen years served the public in that capacity. He and his wife were greatly beloved by all. She gave the communion service now in use by the church, and in her will she bequeathed $300 to the church and town. They were buried in the same grave, and the monument erected over them bears the following quaint inscription:

> "In memory of Capt. Luther Clapp, who died Aug. 17, aged 39 years, and his wife, Mrs. Tirzah Clapp, who died the 31st, same month, A.D. 1811, aged 38 years. Both fell victims to the typhoid fever. They were active, pleasant, benevolent, devout.
>
> For us no longer mourn,
> Your souls demand your care,
> Soon you'll be hither borne.
> For death, O friends, prepare.
>
> "Insatiate archer! could not one suffice? Thy shaft flew twice, and twice it smote full sore. Scarce did the widowed mourner from the cold grave of a loved partner trace her backward steps, than death his awful mandate sent to call her home. Two weeks she struggled with disease, when death released her from her sufferings here, to soar on angel wings to realms of bliss. This once happy pair, who here repose, no children left their early exit to lament, but many friends who their sad loss will long bemoan. Rich in the comforts of domestic bliss, blest with the ample gifts of fortune, and more blessed with ample hearts, disposed to sweetest acts of charity."

No. 629 (p. 57).—Ocran.[6] His wife was the widow of Eli Brown. His death is thus described in Lyman's History of Easthampton:

"On the night of Dec. 15, 1835, an event occurred which filled the community with sadness. It was the death of Ocran Clapp, who perished in the snow. He had attended a public meeting that evening in the town hall, which stood near the recent site of the First Church. During the evening a snow storm of unusual violence had sprung up, attended with a severe and increasing degree of cold. He lived on the Northampton road where Ansel Bartlett now does, and, on leaving the hall, instead of taking the road home, by mistake he took the one leading east towards Pascommuck. He passed on until he arrived near where the cotton mill of S. Williston & Co. now stands, when probably having discovered his mistake, he turned about. When he had gone back some distance, he turned off into the lot, probably intending to cross to his residence, which would save considerable. Instead, however, of turning towards home, he turned directly opposite, passed Broad brook, where it appeared he had broken through the ice, and passed on the plain beyond. His age, sixty-five years, his bewilderment, and the wetting which he received at the brook, together rendered him unable to endure the storm and intense cold of the night. He was found dead the next morning, at no great distance from the brook. The light which he carried was observed by several, but no one thought strange of it, since people were then returning from the meeting. Some effort was made to find him on the evening before, but it was finally thought that he might have gone into some house, and search was given up."

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No. 635 (p. 58).—Sophia.[6] She m. Rev. Gad (not "Gail") Newell.

No. 640 (p. 58).—Solomon.[6] His dau. *Sophia*[7] m. Levater Lewis, of Westfield, and *Amelia*[7] m. William Hart, of Lebanon, O.

No. 641 (p. 58).—Emulus.[7] He lives in Mansfield, O.

No. 642 (p. 58).—William N.[7] His third wife was Prudence C. Wait.

No. 649 (p 59).—Spencer.[6] He lived in Easthampton, on what is called "The Plain," and in the house built by Ebenezer Corse, the first settler in that part of Easthampton. He must have m. as a second wife, Caroline Burt, or the record of his first marriage may have been a mistake by confounding him with Spencer No. 183.

No. 655 (p. 59).—Lewis.[7] The date of his first wife's birth is evidently incorrect. He was 1st Lieut. and Commissary in the War of the Rebellion, in the 52d Reg't Mass. Vols. He m. second, May 1, 1873, Mrs. Eva C. Edgerton; never had any children. Is now a butcher in Longmeadow.

No. 657 (p 59).—Fanny.[6] Her husband, Jared Clark, was the son of Lieut. Asahel and Submit (Clapp No. 240) Clark. They removed to Brecksville, O.

No. 659 (p. 59).—George.[6] There was a George Clapp, of Easthampton, who was drafted into the army, in the war of 1812, to go to Boston for three months.

No. 674 (p 60).—Horace.[7] He had a dau. *Hannah Frances*,[8] besides those in the record.

No. 690 (p. 61).—Ebenezer.[7] He had also a son *Simon H.*,[8] who is married and now living in Northampton.

No. 703 (p. 61).—Zenas.[7] He probably married, Sept. 14, 1822.

No. 722 (p. 62).—Frances S.[8] She taught but little in Amherst, but a great deal at the South. She has resided many years at Knoxville, Tenn.

No. 723 (p. 62).—Elisha Bogue.[8] He had, besides the children named: iv. *Ella Bogue*,[9] b. Jan. 10, 1870; v. *Frankie F.*,[9] b. at Ledger, N. C., Dec. 22, 1872. Elisha B. Clapp d. at Los Angelos, Cal., Jan. 18, 1874. His obituary says: "He had large business capacity. His plans resulted in vigorous action. His influence in a moral and religious point of view was only an outflow of his inward life, and his friends were very many." The date given as the birth of his third child, *Sarah B.*,[9] is evidently wrong.

No. 735 (p. 62).—Fanny.[7] A Fanny Clapp m. in 1829, Ebenezer W. Kingsley.

No. 812 (p. 68). Washington.[7] His wife was the dau. of Seth and Betsey (Holmes) Robbins.

No. 813 (p. 68).—Thomas H.[8] He is now living in Indianapolis, Ind His third child, *David M.*[9] is now dead. He has also *Roger Otis*,[9] b. in Lawrence, Mass., July 15, 1872.

No. 819. (p. 68).—George L.[8] He was b. in South Framingham.

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No. 824 (p. 70).—MARIA.[7] She m. Phineas Allen, Jr., son of Phineas and Electa (Clapp No. 286) Allen. He d. recently, leaving $50,000 to the town of Pittsfield for the "Allen Library."

No. 834 (p. 71).—HENRY.[7] He m. April 26, 1844, Anne Ely.

No. 835 (p. 71).—MARY L.[8] She m. May 29, 1867. Not as stated in the text.

No. 855 (p. 74) —DEXTER.[7] He graduated at Divinity School, Harv. College, 1842; was ordained Evangelist in 1843.

No. 867 (p. 77).—THEODORE.[7] He d. in May, not "April" as stated on page 77. His popularity and influence at the south were unbounded, and on his return from his northern trip in 1854 the papers welcomed him, and a southern poetess thus gives expression to the high esteem in which he was held.

No flashing cannon roars aloud,
No bell its peal rings out,
No flaunting banner sways the crowd,
No legions wildly shout;
But *hearts* unnumbered throb and swell,
And grateful impulse flows,
And deep emotions, thronging, tell
That rapture warmly glows.
And *why* this tribute of the heart,
This yearning of the soul?
Why do the tears of gladness start
And sympathetic roll?
The cherish'd Vet'ran of the Cross,
Whose quick'ning accents bold
Have thousands turn'd from earthly dross
To seek the WORD'S pure gold,
Has come again to greet the throng
Who, rescued by his voice,
Have burst from Superstition strong,
And in God's Love rejoice.

During the year 1858, it was in contemplation to have a meeting of the Clapp family in Dorchester, but on account of several unforeseen occurrences, including the death of several prominent men of that town, the plan was abandoned. Previously, however, to its abandonment, the Rev. Theodore Clapp, who had then recently resigned his pastoral charge in New Orleans and was residing in Louisville, Ky., had been invited to deliver the address on the occasion. The following is his answer:

"LOUISVILLE, Oct. 5, 1858.

My Dear Friend:—Absence and indisposition have hitherto prevented my answering your letter of the 11th ultimo, which was received in due time. I hope the project concerning which you have written to me will be carried out. It can hardly fail to be both interesting and useful.

"You have honored me more than I deserve, by inviting me to address the large family whose gathering you anticipate. But I cannot expect, reasonably, ever again to speak in public. Besides a dilapidated liver, I am laboring under a chronic disease of the brain, that is gradually getting worse and worse. One result of this last-named malady is a vertigo attended with mental aberration, and other symptoms premonitory of paralysis. Whenever I attempt to preach, or speak to a large audience, I am seized with giddiness and fainting, with so much violence as to be obliged to sit down instantly, and leave my remarks unfinished. I have made but two attempts to preach since I left New Orleans. On both occasions my infirmity operated in such

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a decisive and alarming manner, that the physicians, who know my peculiar condition, concur in pressing upon me the supreme importance of abstaining, henceforth and forever, from the excitement of public speaking. I feel it to be an imperative duty to comply with their directions.

"Although I have been living South forty-one years, I have lost none of my partiality for Massachusetts. I should, indeed, be most delighted, in company with the numerous descendants of Capt. Roger Clapp, to re-visit the beautiful spot where repose the ashes of our fathers, where were our early homes, our first warm loves, and our first bright hopes—'those pleasant fields traversed so often in life's morning march, when our bosoms were young.' I can say with Horace, the Latin poet, 'that were it possible for me to be born again, and choose my own parents, I would not exchange my actual lineage for that of any other person living, however rich, honored, famed, or great.'

"Please to present my most respectful salutations to all the gentlemen composing the committee of arrangements.

I am most truly yours, T. CLAPP."

No. 871 (p. 77).—THORNTON W.[7] Lyman says he graduated in 1835.

No. 900 (p. 82).—MILTON BOWDITCH.[8] "Married in San Francisco, 12th inst., Milton R. Clapp to Laura L., daughter of Henry L. Davis, both formerly of this city." (Newport, R. I. paper, July, 1875.)

No. 924 (p. 88).—LUTHER H.[8] He was 1st Lieutenant in a Virginia Regiment of the Confederate Army, under Stonewall Jackson, until the latter's death—then under Gen. Early; was with Lee at the surrender. He was in over fifty engagements, and was wounded many times—at the Seven Days Battle, below Richmond, he received two wounds at the same time, one ball entering his right side, and the other his left shoulder. He will probably never wholly recover from the effects of his wounds.

No. 938 (p. 90).—Should be MERRICK H.[7]

II. - - - In the Line of Edward.

No. 2 (p. 94).—ELIZABETH.[2] Her husband, Elder James Blake was much in public business; was a Selectman of Dorchester 13 years; Rater, Constable, Deputy to General Court, Clerk of the Writs, Recorder, Sergeant in the military company which was then an office of honor, and was chosen Deacon of the church, and ordained to that office June 30, 1672. He served as Deacon about 14 years, and was then chosen Ruling Elder, and served about the same length of time, until his death, both making 28 years, wanting two days. There is little doubt that he built the house referred to on page 260. He was probably a farmer, but his time must have been much taken up with other objects, being frequently engaged in settling estates, &c. He was an elegant penman; very few even at the present day can exhibit chirography that will compare favorably with his, which is now extant. He had a peculiar character; such as sound judgment and discretion, a faculty for leading others in important undertakings, and especially strong faith in his "glorious God & Redeemer," as he expresses it in his last Will and Testament.

William Blake, father of Elder James, came over about 1636, proba-

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bly with Rev. Richard Mather. He owned a large tract of land at what is now So. Boston Point, and 60 acres of it were retained in the family as late as the year 1803. Deacon James Blake, his grandson, who inherited this land, built a house upon it in 1681. This house was replaced by a new one in 1732, which was burned by the British in the War of the Revolution, and the one which succeeded it was moved off in 1835 to make room for the one then put up by Samuel Blake, of the seventh generation in this country, and which house is now standing. Upon the grave-stone of Dea. James Blake is thus inscribed:

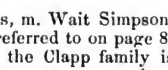
"Here lyes Buried y^e^ Body of Mr. James Blake, who
departed this Life Oct. 22, 1732, Aged
80 years & 2 months.
He was a member in full Communion with y^e^ Church
of Christ in Dorchester aboue 55 years, and a
Deacon of y^e^ same Church aboue
23 years.

Seven years strong Pain doth end at last,
His weary Days & Nights are past;
The way is Rough, y^e^ End is peace;
Short Pain giues place to endless Ease."

In the "Blake Family" book is a copy of the bill against the estate of Dea. Blake for articles used at his funeral—the bill amounting to £21. 18s. 9*d*. The largest item in the bill is for "5 Doz Mens & W^e^ Wt Gloves, £15," with a deduction of £3. 5*s*. for 13 pairs of gloves returned. This absurd and tyrannical fashion of providing gloves, fans, &c. at funerals was fortunately broken in upon by the circumstances attending the famous stamp act proceedings in 1764, and was soon entirely abolished. The custom of furnishing wine and spirits on such occasions was not so easily given up, and was in vogue up to the time within the remembrance of many now living.

James Blake, Jr., the grandson of Elder James, m. Wait Simpson, a granddaughter of Capt. Roger Clapp, and is referred to on page 8. Much of the accounts of the earlier members of the Clapp family is drawn from his writings. His and his wife's grave-stones are in a good state of preservation, in the burying-ground in Dorchester, near the resting-place of their ancestors and descendants.

No. 4 (p. 94).—Ezra.[2] He was in Dorchester in 1664, and was one of the nine Clapps who signed the petition sent from that town to the General Court, and further spoken of on page 315. The accompanying fac-simile of the autograph of Ezra Clapp was taken from that document.



No. 5 (p. 98) —Nehemiah.[2] His wife, Sarah, m. second, Samuel Howe, of Sudbury, Sept. 18, 1685.

No. 6 (p. 94).—Susannah.[2] She was living in 1655.

No. 24 (p. 98).—Susanna.[3] The statement that she died in 1734, is not correct. She m. second, Aug. 26, 1736, Jazaniah Tucker, of Milton. Her first husband d. Aug 26, 1734.

No. 29 (p. 99).—Ezra.[4] The date of his death is Jan. 12, 1741.

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No. 30 (p. 100).—Hannah.[4] She was born March 9, 1722; m. March 1, 1744, Stephen Badlam,* of Dedham, b. May 18, 1720. She d. March 16, 1756, and he m. second, Nov. 25, 1756, Hannah Belcher, of Stoughton, she being then 19 years of age. He d. March 20, 1758. In 1747, Stephen and wife moved to Stoughton, and he was chosen Deacon of the church there Feb. 15, 1750. Among the children of Dea. Stephen and Hannah (Clapp) Badlam were: **i.** Ezra, b. May 19, 1746; he was a prominent officer in the war of the Revolution; commissioned Captain, June 22, 1775, and rose by his own merits to the rank of Colonel; he took part in many of the more important campaigns of the war, and fell dead from his horse in the Battle of Monmouth, April 5, 1788, being prostrated by the heat. **ii.** Stephen, b. May 7, 1751; he joined the American army April 19, 1775, and was commissioned General, but impaired health compelled him to resign his commission in 1776. He was afterwards (1799) Brigadier General in the Massachusetts Militia; Deacon of Second Church in Dorchester in 1808, and d. Aug. 24, 1815. **iii.** Elizabeth, b. Dec. 20, 1753; m. Capt. Samuel Doggett, an officer in the War of the Revolution, and had: (1) Betsey, who m. Jesse Clapp (No. 157 of Thomas). Jesse Clapp's daughter Elizabeth D., now living in Dedham, has many interesting articles that belonged to Deacon Stephen and Hannah (Clapp) Badlam.

III. - - - In the Line of Thomas.

No. 1 (p. 105).—Thomas.[1] There is a tradition that the house built by Thomas Clapp, the emigrant of that name who took up his abode in Scituate about 1639, is still standing, and is the one now owned and occupied by Sanford Jenkins. A recent visit to this house, and inquiries of its occupants and the older members of the Clapps resident in the neighborhood, render the truth of this tradition very doubtful. As far as can be ascertained, it may be considered probable that Thomas, the emigrant, built the house on this spot, which is known to have been occupied by his great-grandson Increase[4] and great-great-grandson James,[5] probably descending to Increase from Thomas[1] through David[3] and Samuel.[2] James,[5] it would seem, took down the original house and put up another on the spot: and this, at the time of his death in 1803, was sold, some parts of it being then unfinished, to the grandfather of the present owner Sanford Jenkins. The large size of the chimney, now standing, suggests the possibility that it might have belonged to the original house, and have been kept entire when the

* This Stephen Badlam, of Dedham, was son of Capt. Stephen, of Weymouth, of the second generation in that town, b. in 1696, and m. June 17, 1719, to Elizabeth Billing, of Dorchester. Capt. Stephen's grandfather, Stephen Bedlow, was Captain of a ship from England, and married a lady by the name of French in Weymouth. He was lost at sea. A son was born, and his name was recorded by the town clerk in such characters as made it difficult to distinguish some of the letters. The town clerk died, and the mother also. When the child was old enough to write, an uncertainty arose as to the real name; and on examination of the records it was decided to be Badlam, the *e* looking like an *a*, and the *ow* like *am*. That name was therefore given to the child, and the descendants of the family in America have ever since so called it, although the former name was found soon afterwards to belong to the family in England.—Such is the statement made by an intelligent descendant of the family.

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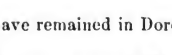
house itself was taken down. Remains of the cellar belonging to the old house are also visible, confirming this theory. The old mansion house stands in a most romantic situation, more than half a mile westward from the old road leading through Scituate to Abington, and is reached through a narrow lane, which passes few other houses. Well cultivated farms surround it, on which may be seen stone walls and post-and-rail fences partially covered with the dry moss of probably two centuries.

No. 3 (p. 109).—INCREASE.[2] He must have remained in Dorchester as late as 1664, as he is witness to a will dated in 1662, and he was also one of the signers of the Dorchester petition, more particularly referred to on page 315. It is from this petition that the accompanying autograph of Increase Clapp was copied.



No. 5 (p. 106).—ELEAZER.[2] Although it is stated that Eleazer probably never married, and there is no known record of such a fact; yet, as there is no evidence of any other of the name than he and Increase No. 3, as living in Barnstable at that time, it is very reasonable to ascribe one of these two as the father of that Stephen Clapp who was an inhabitant of Barnstable, and m. in that place, Dec. 24, 1696, Temperance Gorham. This Stephen may have remained in Barnstable and had a son Stephen, who is the one spoken of on page 114 (No. 78) as having m. in Barnstable, Mrs. Mary Gorham, Oct. 24, 1734; or she may have been a second wife of the first Stephen. An examination of the dates of birth of the children of Increase makes the probability stronger that Stephen was a son of Eleazer. The family of Stephen seems to have either died out or moved away, as there is now no trace of them.

No. 17 (p. 112).—SAMUEL.[3] The date of his first marriage is incorrectly given. July 13, 1769, was the date of his marriage with Bethiah Dean, who was the mother of all his children.

No. 23 (p. 110).—SAMUEL.[3] He was b. May 14, not "May 15."

No. 25 (p. 114).—STEPHEN.[3] He was on a jury to lay out a highway over Jones's River, Scituate.

No. 26 (p. 110).—HANNAH.[3] She must have been the Hannah who m. Hezekiah Woodworth, as their marriage is in the records of the town of Scituate.

No. 28 (p. 114).—JOHN.[3] He was b. Sept. 30, not "Sept. 31." He died Sept. 21, 1729. His wife, Hannah Gill, was b. Oct. 23, 1681, and d. Aug. 22, 1761, aged 79 years, 10 m. 19 d. She m. second, Major Turner in 1736.

No. 31 (p. 110).—DEBORAH.[3] There was a Deborah Clapp who m. in Scituate, Sept. 10, 1713, Joseph Bates.

No. 32 (p. 110).—JANE.[3] She m. in December, 1708.

No. 40 (p. 116).—JOSHUA.[4] He was Selectman in Walpole in 1736.

No. 47 (p. 117).—SETH.[4] He d. Sept. 10, 1788.

No. 60 (p. 113).—ELIZABETH.[4] Her husband was not Kenelm

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Winslow, Jr., but Kenelm, the son of Samuel and Mary (King) Winslow, and cousin to Mary Winslow, who m. Ebenezer Clapp (No. 56), brother to Elizabeth.

No. 63 (p. 113).—Mary.[4] A Mary Clapp m. in Scituate, March 2, 1720, Capt. William Hodges.

No. 65 (p. 127).—Joseph.[4] He had four children by his first wife. His two youngest children were by his second wife.

No. 73 (p. 113).—Susan.[5] Her name was Susannah, b. April 29, 1736.

No. 74 (p. 113).—Jonathan Blackman.[5] He was b. Sept. 25, 1737.

No. 76 (p. 114).—Rachel.[4] Her husband, Judge Leonard, was brother to Mary Leonard, who m. Judge Thomas Clapp (No. 80). Rachel died April 23, 1783.

No. 77 (p. 130).—Thomas.[4] President Thomas Clapp m. his first wife, Mary Whiting, Nov. 23, 1727. She was b. in 1712. His second wife, Mrs. Mary Saltonstall, m. first Elisha Lord; her maiden name was Haynes. She was great-granddaughter of Gov. John Haynes, of Conn., by his second wife, Mabel Harlakenden, who, according to recent genealogical researches, was descended in the female line from William the Conqueror, Malcolm III. of Scotland, Edgar Atheling, and several of the noble families of England.

No. 80. (p. 137).—Thomas.[4] Judge Thomas Clapp's second wife, Esther Chandler, d. July 20, 1790, not "1792."

The following is the letter of Dismission and Recommendation from the Church in Taunton, referred to on page 138.

"To the Churches of our Lord Jesus Christ & to such Christian People to whom these presents may come.

"The Church of Christ in Taunton wisheth Grace, mercy & peace &c.

"Whereas our Rev[d] & Well Beloved Pastor, M[r] Thomas Clap (who hath had the Pastorall Care & charge of us for abont eleven years and hath been faithfully & painfully Labouring among us in the work of the Gospell Ministry to our Great Acceptance & Good Liking and we hope to the Acceptance of Jesus Christ our Great Lord and Master), hath of Late Mett with Great Discouragment in his work from the very hard & Unjust Treatment, which he hath received from the Town, in denying him a Comfortable & Honorable Support, agreeable to the Originall Contract Between him & the Town. And at their Meeting Nov. 27, 1738, they Dismissed him from the work of the Ministry in the Town, and thereupon have smce denied making any Rate or Assessment for his Support, which vote of the Town we look upon as a Greviance and in some sort sacrilegious, they thereby so far as they were able Robbing the Church of their Pastor, whom The Holy Ghost had made their Overseer, and in whom they Much Delighted & whom they esteemed as a Great Gift of our ascended Saviour, and accordingly we manifested our Resentment of it in a vote passed by us at our Church-meeting on Dec[r] 25, 1739, in these viz.: That the afores[d] vote of the Town is Illegal & Unjustifiable, being contrary to all Law both Civil and Ecclesiasticall & a manifest Incroachment on the Just Rights & Priveledges of Congregationall Churches, and do hereby bear our Testimony against s[d] vote of the Town, which vote (as we apprehend) the Town was moved to for no other Reason than this, viz.: Because our worthy pastor had applied himself to the Quarter Sessions that he might have Justice done him with respect to his salery, after some years successless endeavours to obtain it of the Town, agreeable to their own vote, which pro-

ceedure of his was with our consent, we observing that the Town had unreasonably & unjustly withheld from him his due and would not be prevailed with by him nor by us to pay it, tho' he had often Urged it & with Long patience waited upon them to do it. By which conduct of the Town his hands are weakened & his Heart Discouraged, and having no prospect of winning those that are without unto Jesus Christ; He hath addressed & Beseeched us to give our Consent to his Removall from his Pastorall office over us; and we do hereby with Great reluctancy Give our Consent to his removall after the Town has voted him his honest Dues and secured to him the payment of them, if he shall think it meet for God's Glory & his own Comfort to tarry with us so long; Tho' at the same time we Cannot But Say, we should be Heartily glad of his continuance among us, which might possibly be, If his Opposers did not absolutely refuse to be reconciled to him on the reasonable terms which he hath proposed to some of them, viz.: To leave the matter of Differences & Debate to the Hearing & Decision of Wise & Unbiassed persons Either of the Ministry or Laiety or both.

And we Do hereby Recommend him to the Holy Communion of the Churches of Christ and to the people of God as a person well qualified with ministeriall accomplishments for the work of the Gospell Ministry, and do hope That he may be a Happy Instrument of Doing Good to many Soulls in some other place, as we trust he hath been of Doing Good to our Soulls.

Dated in Taunton, Febr. 13, 1739.

P. S. And it is also to be understood y^t^ this vote of Dismission is not to take effect till a Councill of Chhs have approved of it.

Benjamin Wilbore
John Andrews
Nathaniell Gilbert
Israell Dean
Edmund Andrews.

In the Name and at the Request of the Church.

A Councill of Seven Churches Mett at Taunton Feb. 26th 1739–40 at the Request of the Pastor & Church there, to Consider of, and (if they should think fitt) Give their consent to the Dismission Said Church had voted their Pastor, after Solemn Prayer & Serious Consultation upon the matter, Came into the following Conclusions:

First, That wee Cannot find the Rev^d^ M^r^ Clap Blameworthy either for Demanding of the people the fullfillment of their Contract with him or applying to the Civill Authority for Relief or any other part of his conduct (so far as we are acquainted with it) Among them ; But Judge ourselves bound Openly to Bear our Testimony Against the Towns Denying him Repeatedly to fullfill their Contract with him.

Secondly, By the High Character which we have of M^r^ Clap from the Church we Believe he hath been faithfull in the Discharge of the Duties of his Pastorall Relation, and that he hath mett with Uncommon Ill treatment among this people, and had reason from the Difficulties & Discouragements Arising thereupon to ask for a dismission from them.

Thirdly, We think that the Church has Discovered a Just zeall for the Liberties wherewith Christ has made them free and we fully Concur with them, in Bearing their Testimony Against the Town proceedings, at the same time Believing they have Manifested a Christian Condescention and Concern for the peace of this Unhappy Society, in Yeilding Contrary to their Inclination that their Beloved Pastor should be Dismissed from them. and,

Fourthly, Considering the Unhappy Circumstances we find the Rev^d^ M^r^ Clap in, by the Irreconciliable Disposition of this People towards Him, we Can't think ourselves Bound to advise him any Longer to Continue amongst them. y^r^fore,

Fifthly, According to the Mutuall Request of Mr. Clap & the Church to us, we advise that there be a separation, that the Pastor Publickly declare his Acceptance of the Dismission the Church has voted Him (Provided he

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dos not thereby Give Up his Claims to any Just Demands he has to make upon the Town). That Seeing the Church & he have ever maintained a Cordiall Agreement and some of them desire it, that he administer the Lord's Supper to them before he leaves them. And so we Recommend him heartily to the Communion of the Churches of Christ, & to the work of the Ministry, to which he hath been Educated & Ordained, and wherein he hath approved himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, Hoping that the Glorious God will Yet Improve him in some part of his Vineyard, withall Praying that God would Humble, Awaken and Reform this People.

Edward Winslow	Nath[ll] Eells, Moderator
Samuell Stockbridge	Peter Thacher
Haviland Torrey	Nath[ll] Fisher
Benjamm Drake	Timothy Ruggles
Ephraim Fobes	Daniell Perkins
Benjamin Tucker	Nath[ll] Leonard
Ichabud King	Joseph Belcher
Abraham Shaw	

No. 81 (p. 114). JOHN.[4] He was b. Sept. 4, 1707; and was killed Oct. 13, 1722.

No. 84 (p. 115).—DEBORAH.[4] She was b. in December, not "Sept."

No. 85 (p. 115).—MARY.[4] She was b. Oct. 13, 1717.

No. 93 (p. 142).—JOSHUA.[4] His second wife, Hannah Briggs, d. in February; not "October."

No. 102 (p. 115).—SARAH.[5] She probably married Aug. 30, 1750, William Everett, Jr., who was b. April 9, 1730.

No. 114 (p. 116).—EBENEZER.[5] He graduated at Harvard College in 1799. Was Representative to the General Court of Mass. in 1813; Judge of Court of Sessions for several years. He d. Jan. 28, 1857.

No. 123 (p. 117).—MARY.[5] She probably m. Phinehas Everett, who was b. in Foxboro', Sept 1, 1745.

No. 131 (p. 117).—SILENCE.[5] The Bramans of Boston are descended from her.

No. 145 (p. 118).—ELIJAH.[5] Perhaps he was the Elijah Clapp, of Walpole, who was Bombadier in Capt. Henshaw's Co. of Artillery, and stationed at Castle William after the evacuation of Boston by the British troops.

No. 151 (p. 118) —SIMEON.[4] The son of his fourth child, *Aaron Ellis*,[7] is *Frank Wallace*,[8] b. Oct. 12, 1874. The following is a newspaper account of the Golden Wedding of Simeon and Hannah (Ellis) Clapp, of Dedham, celebrated Dec. 8, 1873 (not 1874 as stated in the text):

"There was gladness and rejoicing in one of the good old homesteads in Walpole on Monday, the 8th instant. On that day, Mr. and Mrs. SIMEON CLAPP celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Friends began to arrive as early as half past one in the afternoon, and before five o'clock the double parlors were well filled. The walls were tastefully hung with evergreens, and the mantels adorned with flowers; while the evergreen dates, 1823 and 1873, conspicuously placed at opposite ends of the parlors, told the story of a half century of happy married life, most of it passed under that very roof. Out of a family of nine children, eight are now living, all of whom were present, viz.: four married daughters, with their husbands, one widowed and one unmarried daughter, and two sons. Of their grandchildren,

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six were present. Four brothers of Mrs. Clapp were there also. At five o'clock the company was called to order, and a pleasant home service was held, commemorative of the joys and blessings which the good Father of all has bestowed upon our venerable friends. A song of loving greeting was sung by two of the young grandsons, Masters Willie and Fred Tisdale. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Edward I. Galvin, of Brighton; after which Rev. Prof. Edward J. Young, of Cambridge, made a very felicitous and excellent address of congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Clapp, closing with the recital of a beautiful poem, well suited to the occasion. A letter was next read from their pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, then in London, sending his good wishes and congratulations to his venerable friends and parishioners.

"The sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and near relatives then gathered in a circle, and sang a hymn entitled 'Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary,' to the tune of 'Auld lang syne,' the entire company of nearly two hundred joining in the chorus.

Come parents, brothers, sisters, all,
Gathered from far and near,
Come raise the song and pledge the weal
Of these our kindred dear.
Love be the bond that binds us now
And each in each confide,
As hand in hand, we welcome grasp
Around the old fireside.

Grateful that parents dear are spared
Their presence here to lend;
Grateful for all this festal joy
Our prayer to heaven we bend.
May our dear circle all complete
From eldest to the least,
Find each a portion, each a place,
In the Lamb's Great Marriage Feast.

Chorus.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot, &c."

"Another hymn was then sung by the large company to the tune of 'Peterborough.'

Adown the silent stream of time
With memory's light aglow,
We see, in misty form, the dream
Of fifty years ago.

The bridal wreath is faded now;
The marriage lights are dim,
That shone where Hope had built its shrine
And sung its gladdening hymn.

Yet Love that placed the altar-flowers,
And gave the marriage kiss,
Is fresh to-day, and brightly links
That vanished time with this.

Oh, whispered vows, so sweet and low,
That once with joy were given,
A bond of strength ye have become—
A sacrament of Heaven!

Then in the dim and silent past
Let memory's light still glow,
While Love still echoes back the joy
Of fifty years ago.

"About six o'clock, the friends were invited to repair to the hospitable board, beautifully adorned with flowers and smilax, and overflowing dishes of luscious fruits, besides the substantial viands. When the friends were re-assembled in the parlors, in most social mood, Prof. Young read the following

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poem, written for the occasion by Mrs. Mary Cram, of Walpole, and inscribed to Mr. and Mrs. Clapp.

To our Heavenly Father raising
Humble prayer and grateful song,
Come we now with glad thanksgiving
For the years so richly crowned.

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One by one, bright gifts from heaven,
Precious far above all store,
Came the children, bringing heaven
Nearer than it was before.

Through the years, all thickly crowded
With the bitter-sweet of life,
Two hearts grown more strong, more tender,
For their union in the strife.

* * * * * * * * *

Fifty years have rounded slowly—
Fifty years of wedded life;
Benedictions, sweet and holy,
Rest on husband and on wife.

Father, when the earthly union
Of thy servants here shall cease,
Crown them in thy home eternal
With the true gold of thy peace.

"Among the various beautiful and useful gifts, we were especially pleased with one from the grandchildren to grandpa Simeon Clapp, viz., a very elegant gold-headed cane, which seemed a most fitting gift from youth to old age. Altogether, the occasion was one of great enjoyment and good cheer, and long to be remembered by all that shared in its festivities. It was cause for devout gratitude and rejoicing that here were venerable parents who had shared each other's joys and sorrows for fifty years, and found more of good than ill, more of sunlight than of darkness in their lives; had had good and faithful and loving children born to them; and that all these children could rise up, and with full hearts, call these parents blessed."

No. 155 (p. 118).—NATHANIEL.[6] Of his first child, *Samuel Wallace*,[7] the wife Alice S. was b. June 19, 1846; and of their children, *Alice Elizabeth*[8] was b. in St. Joseph, Mo., and *Grace Seymour*[8] was b. in Sparta, Wisconsin.

No. 232 (p. 125).—DORCAS.[5] Her husband, John Winslow, was her own cousin, his father, Kenelm Winslow, being brother to Dorcas's mother Mary (Winslow) Clapp.

No. 270 (p. 126).—SARAH.[5] She was b. in 1728 (not 1729).

No. 274 (p. 126).—SAMUEL.[6] He is styled "Captain." He d. Feb. 9, 1858.

No. 286 (p. 127).—PERKINS.[6] He m. Dec. 19 (not 17). His first child, *Joseph*,[7] m. Lucy (No. 675), dau. of Allen Clapp.

No. 299 (p. 128).—ELIJAH.[6] His first child, *Elijah T.*,[7] m. Ann R., dau. of Thomas Clapp (No. 777), of Scituate.

On the 24th of November, 1875, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Clapp celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their residence in Scituate. A large number of their friends were present, including many from South Boston, where most of their children and grandchildren reside. The occasion was one of great pleasure, bringing together as it did their six children, all of whom are grown up, and 13 grandchildren. It is perhaps worthy of mention as a remarkable

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fact that since the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Clapp, not a single death has occurred among their children or grandchildren. Mr. Howard Clapp, of South Boston, their second eldest son, made a feeling and appropriate congratulatory address, and paid a tender tribute of love and respect to their life and character, and also extended a warm and cordial welcome to their guests. The company were then invited to partake of a choice repast expressly prepared for the occasion, Mr. Edward James, of Scituate, offering prayer. After the supper was discussed, Peleg Ford, Esq., of Scituate, and others made felicitous addresses. During the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Clapp were made the recipients of gold and silver, and other valuable articles. Four of their grand-daughters, representing the seasons of the year, recited a poetical gem, and each presented them with a beautiful bouquet. Master Elijah Clapp, 3d, also recited an original poem appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Nathan Turner, who was the bridesmaid when the marriage ceremony was performed, was present. Mr. George W. Spaulding favored the company with several solos which added greatly to the interest of the occasion. At the conclusion, an appropriate poem to the air of "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and the guests departed, wishing Mr. and Mrs. C. many years of health and happiness.

No. 310 (p. 129).—BENJAMIN.[6] His wife Judith was b. March 5, 1782.

No. 311 (p. 129).—BENJAMIN.[6] He m. Oct. 25, 1829, Elizabeth Towle, of Hampton, N. H. His second son *Joseph E.*[7] m. Lydia S. Jacobs, and his third son *George L.*[7] m. Elizabeth B. Peirce.

No. 313 (p. 129).—LYDIA.[6] She m. Job Prince Otis, who was born March 11, 1802. His first wife was Hannah Briggs.

No. 316 (p. 172).—SAMUEL.[5] According to the account given by one of his descendants, he resided in Northampton, Mass., where he owned a tidemill.

No. 318 (p. 130) —GEORGE.[6] Probably the George Clapp who lived in Northampton, had wife Abigail, and children:

George[7] (perhaps), who m. Jan. 3, 1802, in Northampton, Elizabeth Reed (this may have been a second marriage of George[6]).
Maria M.,[7] b. in Northampton in 1795.
Ann Louisa,[7] b. in Northampton in 1796.

No. 320 (p. 130).—RUTH.[5] A Ruth Clapp m. Lawrence Litchfield in Scituate, March 12, 1791.

No. 321 (p. 130).—RACHEL.[5] A Rachel Clapp m. in Scituate, Nov. 10, 1777, Lawrence Litchfield (a different person from the one who m. Ruth Clapp).

No. 329 (p. 137).—HANNAH.[5] She m. Feb. 7, 1794.

No. 335 (p. 137).—ABIGAIL.[5]—She m. Nov. 4, 1792.

No. 344 (p. 141).—HANNAH.[5] She d. unmarried.

No. 357 (p. 142).—ELISHA.[6] He d. Feb. 4, 1794.

No. 363 (p. 142).—LYDIA.[5] She m. Oct. 22, 1792, Polycarpus Jacobs.

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No. 401 (p. 144).—GALEN.[6] He m. his third wife in 1861 (not 1871).

No. 406 (p. 145).—DEBORAH.[6] She was still living July, 1875, aged 88 years.

No. 408 (p. 145).—DANIEL.[6] He was a member of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, and d. in 1822.

No. 438 (p. 148).—REUBEN.[7] He and his family are all dead.

No. 439 (p. 148).—NATHANIEL.[7] He m. Olive Clarke, of Foxboro'. Children: **i.** *Harvey.*[8] **ii.** *George Henry.*[8] **iii.** *Edwin Herbert,*[8] history unknown. **iv.** *Albert Warren,*[8] b. in Foxboro', Oct. 18, 1833; m. Dec. 1, 1864, Lucy A. Phillips, who was b. in Salem, April 25, 1845; they live in Lynn. Children: (1) *Flora P.,*[9] b. in Lynn, March 5, 1867; (2) *Arthur W.,*[9] b. in Lynn, April 5, 1868.

No. 471 (p. 150).—ELIPHAZ.[7] His widow Hannah d. Oct. 3, 1875, aged 84.

No. 475 (p. 150).—ASA.[6] Born March 26, 1763; moved from Walpole about 1798 to New Marlboro', N. H., where he lived the remainder of his life, and d. March 31, 1840. He m. Sept. 16, 1790, Esther Allen, who was b. in Walpole, Dec. 16, 1771. Children: **i.** *Allen,*[7] b. April 28, 1794, in Walpole; d. in Marlboro', N. H., Feb. 9, 1838; m. Feb. 10, 1819, Hannah Newcomb, of Roxbury, N. H.; they lived and died in Marlboro', N. H. Children: (1) *Newcomb,*[8] b. Nov. 27, 1819; d. Jan. 4, 1834; (2) *Esther,*[8] m. Mr. Barr and lives in Nashua, N. H.; (3) *Lury,*[8] m. Mr. Piper, of Nashua, N. H., and d. in 1873; (4) *Sarah,*[8] m. Mr. Fisher, and lives in Manchester, N. H.; (5) *Lydia,*[8] m. Mr. Cummings, and lives in Fitzwilliam, N. H.; (6) *Allen,*[8] m. and lives in Manchester, N. H. **ii.** *Asa,*[7] b. in Marlboro', N. H., Feb. 11, 1801; m. May 5, 1825, Delina Bullard, who d. in Walpole, Nov. 25, 1872. They live in Norwood. Children: (1) *Harriet,*[8] b. in Roxbury, July 10, 1827; m. Charles Robertson, and lives in Walpole; (2) *Frances,*[8] b. Dec. 1, 1829, d. about 1860, m. William Allen and lived in W. Dedham. (3) *Asa Elbridge,*[8] b. Jan. 22, 1834, m. Elizabeth Annis, of Maine, and lives in Norwood; (4) *George A.,*[8] b. May 7, 1838, and d. Feb. 24, 1850. **iii.** *Franklin,*[7] b. June 17, 1805; d. March 13, 1854; m. Roxana Tenney, and lived in Marlboro', N. H.; she d. April 29, 1853. Children: (1) *Sabrina*[8] m. William Dort, a wealthy man, and lives in Keene, N. H.; (2) *Charles,*[8] m. Eugenia Smith, and lives in Keene, N. H.; (3) *William,*[8] m. Elizabeth McAllister, and lives in W. Swanzey, N. H.; (4) *Maria,*[8] m. Solon W. Stone, and lives in Keene, N. H.; (5) *Elmer Augustus,*[8] went to Chili when 17 years old, and has since lived in that country, having the occupation of a mechanical engineer—has done a profitable business, and m. a Spanish lady, Damiana Cárasco—three children have died and one, *William,*[9] is now living in Chili. **iv.** *Daniel,*[7] b July 16, 1810; d. July 31, 1846; he m. Fanny Snell, of Roxbury, Mass.; no children. He lived in Roxbury.

No. 496 (p. 151).—Should be DANIEL.[6]

No. 530 (p. 153).—JOHN S.[7] He was a livery stable keeper, and committed suicide, while on a visit to Boston, Sept. 7, 1875.

No. 581 (p. 156).—HANNAH.[6] Her husband was probably Dr. Leavitt Bates, b. in 1769 and d. in 1850.

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No. 609 (p. 163).—JEREMIAH.[6] Since the printing of the epitaph on the grave-stone of Polly, his wife, the following has been accidentally found in Russell's "Pilgrim Memorial." It occurs among a collection of epitaphs copied from grave-stones in Burying Hill, Plymouth, Mass.

"This stone is erected to the memory of that unbiassed judge,
faithful officer, sincere friend, and honest man,
COLL. ISAAC LOTHROP,
who resigned this life on the 26th day of April, 1750,
in the 43 year of his age.

"Had virtue's charms the power to save
Its faithful votaries from the grave,
This stone had ne'er possessed the fame
Of being marked with Lothrop's name."

No. 645 (p. 167).—JOHN.[6] He d. Oct. 18, 1875, in the ninetieth year of his age. The *Salem* (N. Y.) *Press* of Oct. 29, has the following obituary notice of him:

"Dr. John Clapp studied medicine with Dr. Thompson, of Tolland, Ct, and removed from there to the town of Thompson, Sullivan Co., N. Y., where he commenced the practice of his profession, and there married and settled. In 1813 he removed with his family to Hebron, settling at Belcher, continuing the practice of medicine, and making that his residence, till the infirmities of age prevented extensive labor, and he ceased to practise. We believe he was the fourth physician who settled in Hebron, Andrew Proudfit being the first, about 1787; William Livingston the second, in 1797; the third, David Long, who in 1810 removed to Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Clapp was an excellent physician, and in his half century of practice had obtained the respect of the community in which he resided and worked, and retained it till his death. His son, Benjamin, having removed from Belcher to Salem, the Doctor came here three years ago to live with him, and has since, most of the time, resided here. Mrs. Phebe Clapp, the wife of Dr. Clapp, died at Belcher on the 23d of January, 1857, aged 78 years. They had one daughter, who is dead, and two sons, Benjamin above named, who died in this village since his father came here, and Marvin W., who is still living."

No. 706 (p. 172).—JOB.[6] There was a Job Clapp, of Scituate, who m. Lydia Rogers Bradford, about the close of the last century.

No. 707 (p. 172).—STEPHEN.[6] He served through the Revolutionary War, during which he rose to the rank of Major, and at the close drew a pension of $20 a month during the remainder of his life. He m. in Shrewsbury, Katy Wheeler, and moved into Washington Co., N. Y., where he died. He had, besides the children named in the text: *Deborah*,[7] who m. Mr. Ootterel, and *Abigail*,[7] who m. Wm. Hutchins, of Massachusetts.

No. 711 (p. 173).—EPHRAIM W.[7] He was styled Colonel, and died Oct. 24, 1875, aged 85 years.

No. 713 (p. 173).—LEONARD H.[7] He m Sarah Stephens, of Salem, N. Y.

No. 714 (p. 173).—DWELLA M.[7] He m. Dorothy Acre, of Pittsford, Monroe Co., N. Y.; she d. in Raisin, Mich., in 1852, and in 1854 he m. second, Sarah Dayton, of Henrietta, Monroe Co., N. Y. Dwella M. Clapp left Salem, N. Y., in 1828, and went to the town of Moriah, on Lake Champlain, and was in the lumber business four years; then

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went to Pittsford, Monroe Co., where he was in a dry goods store two years; in 1833, he went to Michigan, and purchased a farm of two hundred acres near Adrian, where he now remains. Children: **i.** *Addie K.*,[8] m. Nov. 24, 1854, William Hall, of Adrian, Mich.; she d. Oct 4, 1864. **ii.** *Maria*,[8] m. Oct. 7, 1863, George M. Hodges, of Henrietta, N. Y., and has three children. **iii.** *Otis C.*,[8] m. Oct. 12, 1870, Gertie Ladd, of Henrietta, N. Y., and has two children, *Matie*,[9] and an infant son.

No. 715 (p. 173) —LEMUEL.[6] He d. in Ballston, N. Y.

No. 721 (p. 173).—ISAAC.[6] He m. ..... Wheeler, and had two sons and two daughters.

No. 844 (p. 183).—EARL[7]. He m. Dorothy Smith, and settled in Windsor, O. He had a son *George*[8] not mentioned in the text. All his children are dead but Mary, Dwight and Emma.

No. 851 (p. 185).—WILLIAM M.[7] In 17th line from bottom, "Barton" should be *Burton*, and in 12th line "Granger" should be *Geauga*. His wife died Nov. 21, 1875.

Children of WILLIAM M. and MARY A. (Skinner) CLAPP, corrected from p. 186:

867. *William Frank*,[8] b. Sept. 29, 1853; he is now cashier of the Bank of Albion.
868. *Charles Merrill*,[8] b. Dec. 3, 1855; he is a clerk in his father's store in Albion, Ind.
869. Should be *Adella*,[8] b. Jan. 16, 1858; lives with her father, and oversees the house.

IV. ---In the Line of Nicholas.

No. 6 (p. 198).—NOAH.[2] His wife d. a short time previously to 1725.

No. 13 (p. 200).—SARAH.[2] Under the autograph of Sarah in the ancient book referred to in the text, are written the lines there spoken of, which have been engraved expressly for this work and are here correctly shown to the reader. As noticed, they are in a style of good penmanship, but with the peculiarities of the writing of that day so strongly marked as to render many of the words obscure to modern readers. The lines, when modernized in orthography and punctuation, read thus:

To-morrow, some will say,
I will a convert be;
O when, tell me, I pray,
Shall I this morrow see?
Let never wise man say,
To-morrow mend I will;
Who is not fit to day
Is less and less fit still.

Beneath these lines are two others, which possibly may have been done by another hand, as they are less distinct, and have hitherto been considered as hopelessly illegible. The Rev. Dr. Harris, of Dorchester,

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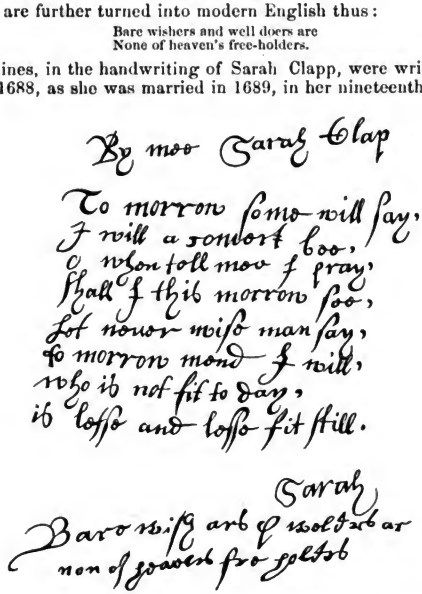
once had the book, and, although familiar with all kinds of ancient writing and skilful in deciphering their obscurities, could make nothing of these two mysterious lines. Mr. William B. Trask, whose intimate familiarity with matters of this kind is well known, has lately examined them, and has succeeded in making out the following as a literal rendering of the words:

Bare wish ars & wel drs ar
non of heavens fre hldrs

Which are further turned into modern English thus:

Bare wishers and well doers are
None of heaven's free-holders.

These lines, in the handwriting of Sarah Clapp, were written about the year 1688, as she was married in 1689, in her nineteenth year.


By moo Sarah Clap
To morron somo will say,
I will a sondort boo,
O when toll moo I pray,
Shall I this morron soo,
Sot nower wiso man say,
To morron mond I will,
who is not fit to day,
is losso and losso fit still.
Sarah
Bare wisp ars & wel drs ar
non of heavens fre holdrs

No. 14 (p. 204).—NATHANIEL.[3] The portrait which we are enabled to present of the Rev. Nathaniel Clapp, the first Congregational minister of Newport, R. I., is from the oil painting of him referred to on page 205. The time when this portrait was painted is not known with certainty, but is supposed to have been not long before the death of Mr. Clapp. The name of the painter is not known. About thirty years since, the picture was so rapidly fading that, as a labor of love, it was carried to Washington by George King, Esq., he being then connected with the church which owned it, and also a member of Congress, and was repainted by his relative, Charles King, the celebrated painter, of that city. It still lacks the clearness and distinctness of a perfect oil painting. The process of heliotyping so truly and fully photographs blemishes as well as beauties, that our venerated

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ancestor does not therefore appear to the readers of the Memorial in so perfect a dress as could have been wished; but it is hoped and believed that the "grave aspect" of his features, which so arrested Dean Berkeley's attention, have been preserved. We are indebted to the Rev. Dr. Thacher Thayer, late pastor, and Dr. Thomas W. Wood, clerk, of the Union Church in Newport, for valuable assistance in obtaining the transfer of Rev. Mr. Clapp's portrait from the painting referred to. The latter gentleman is the author of the historical work now in the press, spoken of in the foot-note on page 209.

No. 16 (p. 210).—JONATHAN.[5] His wife Sarah, dau. of Barnard and Sarah (Trott) Capen, was b. Jan 5, 1679.

No. 71 (p. 241).—EBENEZER.[5] In addition to what has been said of Dea. Ebenezer Clapp, the following, from a newspaper obituary notice, still further illustrates some points of his character:

"He was educated in the school of the Puritans, whose faith and trust he inherited, though without the asceticism which was too often a concomitant of its teachings. He believed, with the learned and pious John Robinson, that though the Prophets and Apostles of that school 'were burning and shining lights in their times, yet they penetrated not the whole counsel of God.' Nor was his life a whit behind his profession of denominational or personal charity. He freely and cheerfully accorded to all the right he claimed for himself, to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. While he was conservative in principle, he was progressive in thought and action, and cordially welcomed every true development of physical, intellectual and moral power.

"He was of a cheerful spirit, habitually looking upon the bright side of life,—of a calm, dispassionate temperament, unknown to anger in expression or feeling, during the protracted term of his eventful life. His kindness and geniality were almost proverbial. His house was ever open, and his hand and his heart were ever ready with expressions of welcome and good will, which never failed to disarm all feelings of restraint or obligation."

No. 95 (p. 226).—WILLIAM TILESTON.[6] He m. April 14, 1793, not as stated in the text.

No. 118 (p. 230).—STEPHEN.[6] His grandson *William Holman*[8] died Oct. 11, 1875. He was a young man of much promise.

No. 136 (p. 237).—JOSHUA.[7] His dau. *Abigail S.*[8] m. Nelson Clapp (No. 309).

No. 155 (p. 238).—ASAHEL.[7] He m. Aug. 31, 1835. Children: **i.** *Waldo E.*,[8] b. in Gardner, Mass., Feb. 9, 1838. In August, 1860, he settled in Fitchburg, where he has since resided, carrying on the trucking business. He m. Jan. 25, 1860, Sarah J. Richards, of Mason, N. H., b. April 3, 1836, and has *Fred W.*,[9] b. Oct. 25, 1862. **ii.** *Florence F.*,[8] b. in Gardner, Sept. 9, 1849.

No. 156 (p. 238).—DANIEL.[7] He m. first, Oct. 11, 1836, Catharine E. Grout, b. in Leicester, and d. in Gardner, Dec. 17, 1874, and had: **i.** *Susan G.*,[8] b. in Leicester, Oct. 22, 1837; m. May 19, 1857, Artemas Coolidge, of Gardner. **ii.** *Joseph W.*,[8] b. in Leicester, Dec. 19, 1839; m. Jan. 11, 1866, Agnes Hobby, of Gardner. **iii.** *Samuel B.*,[8] b. in Leicester, June 6, 1841: enlisted May, 1861, and d. of disease Dec. 19, 1861, in Alexandria Hospital, Va. **iv.** *Sarah M.*,[8] b. Nov. 15, 1843; m. June 6, 1866, Charles Eaton, of Gardner. **v.** *Daniel Elliott*,[8] b. in Shrewsbury, July 26, 1848; m. Jan. 13, 1875, Marietta Prentice, of

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·ton ; they live in Worcester. **vi.** *Edward*,[8] b. in Gardner, Oct. 7, 53. Daniel[7] m. second, May 10, 1869, Izanna Wood.

No. 157 (p. 238).—MARY B.[7] She m. Martin C. Gould.

No. 158 (p. 238).—LOVELL.[7] His children are : **i.** *Cyrus Jones*,[8] b. Leicester, April, 1839 ; he lived in Rindge, N. H. ; was in the U. S. ·rmy, and was killed in the Battle of Bull Run. **ii.** *Charles Wesley*,[8] . in Leicester, August, 1840 ; m. August, 1858, Eliza Belding ; they ·ve in Brattleboro', Vt., and have : (1) *Lillian* ;[9] (2) *Etta* ;[9] (3) *Carrie*.[9] **iii.** *Eliza Ann*,[8] m. Marshall Whitcomb, of Stow, and has three children. **v.** *Albert Smith*,[8] m. Florence Dodge, of Springfield ; they live in Michigan. **v.** *Frederick William*,[8] d. unm.

No. 171 (p. 241).—JOHN.[6] The sentence beginning—"Like his brother John, he was, &c.," should read—Like his brother, John was, &c.

No. 182 (p. 245). JOHN PIERCE.[6] His wife, Mary Ann Bragg, was great-granddaughter of Justin (or Joshua) Felt, who was a minute man at Lexington. He went from Lynn, and received a ball from the enemy through his bent arm, making four wounds.

No. 183 (p. 245).—HENRY AUSTIN.[7] Oct. 12, 1875, he was appointed by the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, Suffolk Co., as assistant clerk in said Court.

No. 194 (p. 246).—HIRAM.[6] "John A. Bird" should be *John H.*

No. 205. (p. 249).—DAVID.[6] On giving up the publication of the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, Jan. 1, 1875, the following valedictory appeared in the last number of that paper :

"With the issue of the present number, the connection of David Clapp & Son with the BOSTON MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL ceases. The announcement of the sale and transfer of the work to other hands has already been made, and the present publishers congratulate its readers and patrons that it passes over to those who are so well qualified not only to maintain its long-established character and reputation, but to raise them still higher. They also take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to the medical gentlemen of this city, still living, who from time to time, with small pecuniary compensation, have occupied the position of Editor of the JOURNAL, and whose labors have mainly been instrumental in giving to it character and respectability. Among the list of the deceased who have filled this important post, it is interesting to find the honored name of the grandfather of the two by whom it is now so worthily occupied. The present Editorial managers are deserving of especial thanks, not only for their own labors, but for expenses incurred in securing the labors of others.

"The connection of the Publishers with the subscribers to the JOURNAL is one which has, in many instances, been of long continuance, and will remain indissolubly associated with many pleasant and interesting remembrances. An agreeable intercourse with many brother publishers, in the way of exchanges, is also now severed. Some of the periodicals thus received have come to the JOURNAL office many years, and a vacancy will be felt on their withdrawal.

"The senior partner has been connected with the JOURNAL ever since it assumed its present shape and name, in 1828 ; and, previous to that, he was also engaged in printing the *Medical Intelligencer*, from its first issue, under the management of Dr. J. V. C. Smith, in 1823. Though changes have taken place in the work in this long course of years, it has always maintained the characteristic with which it started, that of a *weekly* Medical

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Journal—then an entire novelty in this country; and its regular issue during these more than twenty-five hundred weeks has never been interrupted. It is gratifying now to realize that its frequent and continuous visits have been prized by its readers, and also that its general management has been such as to maintain its existence for a period far beyond the average age of medical periodicals, and with scarcely a rival in New England during the whole time."

The editors, J. Collins Warren, M.D., and Thomas Dwight, Jr., M.D., expressed themselves as follows in the same number:

"The Editors feel that it is but a slight mark of their respect to the member of the firm that so long has published this JOURNAL, to offer them the leading place in the last number that comes from their press. The farewell will be read with interest wherever the JOURNAL is known. The profession, not only of Boston and New England, but of the entire country, is greatly indebted to the publishers, and particularly to the senior partner, for having maintained a good medical journal for nearly half a century. Those of experience in such matters know how difficult, thankless and of little profit the labor must have been. The only reward is the conviction that the work has been neither fruitless nor unappreciated. Indeed, it is no small triumph to have seen the JOURNAL maintain its position among the very first, though in competition with others backed by the means and influence of some of the greatest publishing houses in America. It is thought that the time has come when the JOURNAL should profit by similar advantages; but whatever success may be in store for it, neither the public nor the Editors will forget that the foundation was laid by those who to-day take their leave."

An interesting incident, connected with the publication of the Medical Journal, may be mentioned. In 1824, an exchange with the Salem Gazette was begun, the senior Mr. Clapp being an apprentice at the time in the office of the (then) Medical Intelligencer. That exchange was continued on, year after year, without intermission, without any agreement or expressed wish on either side, and with no personal acquaintance between the proprietors, till the transfer of the Journal above spoken of. The Gazette had always been considered one of the most valued of their exchanges by the publishers of the Medical Journal, and when the time came for the termination of the exchange, the senior partner addressed a friendly letter to the Hon. Caleb Foote, whose connection with the Gazette had continued during the whole of the half century mentioned, which elicited from him the following warm-hearted reply:

Salem, Jan. 11, 1875.

DAVID CLAPP, Esq.,

My Dear Sir:—I read with great interest and pleasure your valued letter of the first inst. It is, indeed, a remarkable coincidence, that an exchange of fifty years should have gone on so steadily under the direction of the same persons. I was an apprentice in the Gazette office when the Medical Intelligencer began, and I think I commenced looking it over with its first number. In 1825, I became proprietor of the Gazette; and very few of its numbers have been issued since without my superintendence, excepting for a few months while I was in Europe. In all that long period, I have seldom failed to open your Journal; and through all its changes of management have relied upon it with confidence as a safe guide in all matters of principle or fact connected with its professional objects. In all this long interchange, I am sure it would have been a great pleasure to me to have been in the intercourse of personal friendship with you; and now I am sure I shall always think of you with interest and regard. The opinion you are so kind as to express of the Gazette affords me great satisfaction. I am not

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yet too old to be gratified with the voice of kind and friendly commendation, and thank you most sincerely for the favor with which you have kindly regarded my life work.

Hoping that you may yet have years of healthy and happy life before you,

I am most sincerely yours,

CALEB FOOTE.

No. 221 (p. 270).—ENOCH.[6] He m. June 11, 1812, Mary, b. Sept. 4, 1785, dau. of Elisha and Mary Tyson, of Baltimore.

No. 222 (p. 255).—ANN.[6] She d. March 25, 1868.

No. 245 (p. 271).—WILLIAM.[6] His land extended to the northern limits of the town, next to the Neck, and near the old north gate of the town, the following account of which is from the Genealogical Register (1867), vol. xxi.:

"The north gate of the town was probably not far from what is now the line between Dorchester and Boston, a little south of the causeway, on Boston Street, and near what was since the residence of Capt. William Clap deceased. Deacon James Humphreys, has left the following record. 'There was a fence running from the old mill by the marsh of Capt. W. Clap and Henry Humphreys, across, a little below and back of said Clap's barn, eastward, to the marsh north of Thomas Moseley's house. There was erected a Gate in the road which led to Mattapan or the neck, which place was called 'Neck-gate-hill.' In the revolutionary war a breast-work was erected nearly on the same spot running in the same direction, and instead of a gate there was a *chevaux-de-frise*. The neck was then in common. The first inhabitants being settled near each other, each one chose his Home lot, and was then allowed by the selectmen their portion of out lands. The neck, as is said, was in common; they planted their corn there, and raised large quantities of field peas, sowed broadcast; when ripe, they had a tool called a pea-hook to gather them up, and large loads were frequently brought off, when ripe, as loads of hay. Pea and bean broth not uncommon. When the harvest was gathered in, the cattle turned on, in common. Within the memory of 'one of y^e^ oldest inhabitants' 'neck-gate-hill' was standing. The boys used to receive a penny or two apiece for opening the gate to transient drivers of vehicles who came that way, being the only place of ingress to 'the neck' now South Boston, then thinly inhabited, where a public house of entertainment was kept by Mr. Abraham Gould. On a sign near the house was inscribed, in large letters, the words—'No entertainment on the Sabbath.' The above-mentioned hill has long since been levelled to accommodate the increased travel on Boston Street. The well-known serpentine causeway on Boston Street has been somewhat raised and widened; in other respects we may suppose that it retains nearly the original shape of the 'old cow walk' of more than two centuries ago, when what is now South Boston was one great pasture for Dorchester cattle."

No. 246 (p. 274).—RICHARD.[6] Of his wife's father, Jonathan Pierce, see foot note, page 265.

No. 335 (p. 270).—MARY.[7] She was b. March 16, 1813, and d. Sept. 22, 1814.

No. 336 (p. 270).—ELIZABETH.[7] She m. Jan. 16, 1839.

No. 337 (p. 271).—REBECCA C.[7] She d. Sept. 30, 1837.

No. 341 (p. 271).—BENJAMIN F.[7] He was b. Jan. 18, 1821, and d. April 30, 1864.

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V. - - - In the Line of George Gilson.

No. 3 (p. 284).—JOHN.[3] John Clapp m. in Stamford, Ct., Jan. 19, 1707–08, Mrs. Ruth Ferris. If this is the John No. 3, as the locality and date strongly indicate, it must have been a second marriage, and the name of his first wife is still unknown. The following is the letter, referred to on page 311, written by Capt. John Clapp, of Long Island, whose identity with the John Clapp who settled in Rye and Northcastle, and their common identity with John No. 3, of this Memorial, has already been assumed.

Right Honorable

At a town meeting upon Long Island, where divers of the freeholders of the Towns of Hamsted, Jamaica, Flushing and Newtown, were mett and assembled, to consult on the lamentable state and condition, that Theire Majᵗⁱᵉˢ liege subjects lay under; by the severe oppressions, and Tyrannical usurpations, of Jacob Leisler and his accomplicies, it was desired, by the freeholders, aforesaid that Captⁿ John Clapp should write an humble letter to Their Majᵗⁱᵉˢ Secrᵗʸ of State in all there behalves and signify to there Majᵗⁱᵉˢ in what a sad condition we are in—Novʳ 7ᵗʰ 1690.

With all humble submission, I as one of the meanest (in ability :) of there Majᵗⁱᵉˢ loyall subjects, being solicited by the poore afflicted English inhabitants, and residents of the severall towns about in Queen's County upon long Island in their Majᵗⁱᵉˢ territory and dominion of New York, do presume at present (though unworthy of such an honor :) to trouble your Lordship imploring some speedy relief may be afforded, to their Majᵗⁱᵉˢ most dutiful and Loyall subjects of the towns and County aforesaid, from the usurped power and Tyrannical proceedings of Jacob Leisler & his accomplicies, whoe led by their exhorbitant wills and devilish lusts, spares not inflicting all long ere this time there Majᵗⁱᵉˢ and your Lordₚ has in part bin informed of, [manner of] cruelties on there Majᵗⁱᵉˢ poore subjects—as I doubt not but by more ample pens—but of the most severest unjust and illegalest of all his proceedings, I presume neither there Majᵗⁱᵉˢ nor your Lordp has yett receaved any intimation of it; It soe lately happening and noe opportunity ofring itself until now for advising thereof, which please to receave from my unworthy hands as followeth :—To recount to your Lordᵖ all the particulars of this inhuman creatures actions woold swell into volumes, and as well tyer as astonish your Lordᵖ to read, therefore I shall only let your Lordᵖ know the lamentable and deplorable state wee there Majᵗⁱᵉˢ liege people are at present in, and shall be as brief and concise as possible—Know then Rt : Honᵇˡᵉ this bold usurpers Tyranny was such, that hee gleaneing and collecting to himselfe a rabble of the worst men, headed by 3 or 4. as desolute of life as desperate of fortunes; as the most wicked and poorest of the sons of men can bee, the chiefest of which was Jacob Milbourn, and Samᵘˡ Edsall; the former a man famous for nothing but Infamy, whom I doubt not but long ere this time your Lordᵖ has received the true caracter of by better hands, but one thing I cannot omit letting your Lordᵖ know, that this very Jacob Milbourn which now does soe Lord it and Tyranize over there Majᵗⁱᵉˢ loyall subjects, was once convicted of a crime which deserved death, had not great clemency bin shewn him by those whom chiefly now hee persecutes which was for clipping and defacing the Kings coine, but I shall not at present trouble your Lordᵖ with any more of that, but to my purpose—These two foregoing base villains with there collected Rabble in a barbarous and inhuman manner came over from New York to Long Island, and there did break open plunder and destroy the houses and estates of there Majᵗⁱᵉˢ subjects in a most rude and barbarous manner not regarding Age or sex, stripping our wives and daughters of there wareing aparill carrying away with them all that

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was portable shooting at and wounding divers poore Englishmen (: some deemed mortally wounded:) whose rage and fury yet stoppt not heare: but flew so far as to sequester our estates and expose them to sale, a piece of Tyranny yett unknown to freeborn English subjects, not convicted of crime meritorious of such a punishment giveing no other reason for there soe doing, but because we woold not take commissions from the pretended Lieut Gov^{r} to bee part executioners of his Tyranical will and exorbitant comands; and extort an illegal tax from the subjects, for denying of which there is now 104. persons of us, men of the chiefest and best estates upon Long Island are driven from our beings and dispossesed of our freeholds; the Tyrant haveing seized upon our estates, conuerting them and there produce to his own use, wee have with patience and a longing expectation waited for the comeing of our Gover^{r} Coll: Slaughter, but seeing the year is soe far spent and no likelyhood of his comeing upon this coast this winter, wee in a deep sence of our miseries and bad condition doe with all humility presume to acquaint Your Lord^{p} with our present state and on our bended knees implore their Gracious Maj^{ties} to cast a propitious eye of clemency and grace upon us, and not suffer there poore subjects totally to be ruined and undone by these monsters of men, whoe when they have done their utmost to ruine there Maj^{ties} faithful people, wee have just cause to beleave will inevitably betray there Maj^{ties} City, Fort and Province of New York to the French, hee not being able in the least measure to answer for those many and grievous crims he has committed which must be laid to his charge, which will force him to shelter under Cataline's maxim (: The Ills that I have done can not be safe but by attempting greater:)———Great Sir, what can I say any more or to whom can I address myself (: as well in my own behalfe as those poore souls who have intrusted mee to do it in theirs next and immediately, under our mercifull and gracious God:) then to their Maj^{ties} our nursing fathers and nursing Mothers, whoe by Your Lord^{ps} benignity must bee made sensible in what an unhappy condition there poore Subjects are fallen, which delemna wee begg with all possible humility there Maj^{ties} will in there good time recount and break this heavy yoak of wors than Eagyptian bondage, whome the Lord God and his Blessed Son Jesus: grant all health and prosperity long to reign over us and establish there throne in rightiosness and the same God bless your Lord^{p} and power upon you such a portion of wisdome that your Councills may be blest and all your undertakeings prosper—Soe prays

my Lord
Your Lord^{ps} most humble and
most obedient servant
(:signed:) JOHN CLAPP.

No. 12 (p. 293).—THOMAS.[5] His wife's name was Hannah Hunt, and they had two children not given in the text: *Martha*[6] and *Thomas*.[6]

No. 21 (p. 285).—WILLIAM.[6] The New York Directory of 1807 contains the name of the firm of William and John Clapp, flour merchants.

No. 32 (p. 299).—GILBERT.[6] He was no doubt born in Westchester Co., N. Y., and from thence he removed to North East, Dutchess Co., where he owned a farm, and also kept a tavern. It is very probable that his children were born in that town, as they were there when quite young. After the marriage of his eldest son James, he removed with him and Eda to Kinderhook, where he died in 1816. He m. Hannah Baker, sister of Edmund Baker, whose ancestors are said to have been among the early settlers of Massachusetts. Gilbert[6] is said to have had two sisters, whose names have not been ascertained, but no brothers. His wife survived him a few years and d. over 90 years of age.

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No. 40 (p. 291).—Waterman.[7] The farm now occupied by Waterman Clapp, was once the property of John Greene, who belonged to a family largely connected with the early history of Rhode Island, from whom it descended to his daughter Mary, wife of Silas Clapp, the grandfather of Waterman. In Silas's time, it comprised about 250 acres, to which Waterman has added about 50 more by purchase. It is in close proximity to the manufacturing village of Crompton, with Centreville and Quidneck in full sight, and the thriving villages of Pawtuxet and Cranston more distant on the north. The ancient town of East Greenwich lies on the south, bordering Narragansett Bay.

An Afternoon Walk over the Clapp Farm in Warwick, R. I.; Historical Reminiscences.

On a brief visit to this interesting spot in September, 1875, by one of the Committee on the publication of this Memorial, Mr. Clapp, aged 87, volunteered to accompany him in an afternoon stroll over it. Handing to his companion (his *young* companion, as he called him, for he was not quite 70) a substantial cane, and taking another himself, they struck across the adjoining pastures in an easterly direction, and after letting down bars and climbing over stone walls and rail fences, reached the highest elevation of the farm. In front, still further easterly, between the projecting points of land, could be discerned the placid waters of Narragansett Bay, with a view beyond, sometimes attainable, of the city of Fall River. On a neighboring hill was pointed out the place where signals of warning were given in the dangerous times of the Revolutionary War. Near by was another eminence, where once resided a somewhat distinguished individual, who died not far from the time when Mr. Clapp was born.

OTHNIEL GORTON

Was a direct descendant of Samuel Gorton, one of the earliest settlers of Warwick, through John[2] and Othniel[3] senior. Othniel,[4] the subject of this sketch, was born in 1718; though a man of no refinement, and of limited education, he wielded a large influence in the town and neighborhood of Warwick, and held some of the most important offices, both judicial and legislative, first in the Colony and afterwards in the State. During the boyhood of Waterman Clapp, a daring burglary, committed in the Gorton house in the latter part of the last century, was well remembered and much talked of in the neighborhood. Othniel was advanced in years, and was living alone, with large amounts of gold and silver in the house. Several armed men one night entered his dwelling, some of whom stood guard over him, while others searched for the hidden treasures, all of which were taken and carried off. These consisted, not only of specie in silver, but of shoe, sleeve and knee buckles and spoons, of the same metal.* The robbers were never brought to justice, although it is said to have been pretty well known that some of Gorton's relatives were concerned in the affair. The

* The keeping of so much money in a private dwelling-house was not alone the practice of Othniel Gorton in those days, when banks of deposit were hardly known. Mr. Clapp says that he remembers when his father had twenty-five hundred silver dollars in his house, awaiting the time of payment for some land about to be purchased. The treasure was concealed and plastered over in some cavity around the great centre chimney.

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following story is told in connection with it:—Some time afterwards, a Mr. B., who related the story, was present where several men were engaged in playing cards. Among them was a man by the name of Gerald, and also one of the men upon whom suspicion rested in regard to the robbery. The latter was disposed to be quarrelsome and disturb the company. Gerald said to him mildly, "Mr. ——, you had better not make any disturbance here; it is better to be quiet—better for all concerned." This had no effect in quieting him, and a repetition of the same advice was also ineffectual. Gerald then said to him—"I tell you, you had better be quiet. I shall say *sleeve buttons* directly." There was no more disturbance, it was said, from the individual mentioned. Othniel died in 1797, his children being daughters only, and by his will he gave the homestead to his grandson, Rufus Gorton Spencer, who resided upon it till his death. Since then it has passed into the hands of strangers. The old mansion is gone, and a new house, in a new style of architecture, now stands near the old foundation. His great-grandfather, before alluded to,

SAMUEL GORTON,

Was born in Gorton, Eng., about 1600, and died in Warwick, R. I., in the latter part of 1677. He was of a good family, and was well educated for the times. He was a clothier in early life, but became a preacher shortly after leaving England. In theological matters he was an enthusiast; he thought for himself and dared to avow his thoughts when it was dangerous to do so. He became the founder of a religious sect; but, as Callender remarks, it is "as hard to tell what his religious opinions really were, as it is to understand his most mysterious dialect." He disowned the Puritans and was opposed to the Quakers. The points of his disbelief embraced pretty much all creeds, formulas and dogmas. To him there was "no heaven but the heart of a good man—no hell but in the conscience of the wicked." He set himself in opposition to civil magistrates in their interference with religious belief, and his bitterness of speech and pen against them and the religious teachers of the day drew upon him much of the persecution which was soon to befall him. Gorton arrived in Boston in 1636; but it could not be otherwise than that he should find himself uncomfortably situated there. He shortly removed to Plymouth, whence in 18 months he was banished on a charge of heresy. With a few followers, he next went to Rhode Island, where exiles from Massachusetts Bay had preceded him. Here he became involved in the boundary dispute which was then rife in that colony. There must have been something provokingly annoying in his manner, or in his speech, or both; for not only did the Massachusetts and Plymouth authorities consider him a "pestilent fellow," but even the milder and more charitable Roger Williams speaks of Gorton's stay in his neighborhood as having resulted in "bewitching and bemadding poor Providence"! In the Historical Discourse of the Rev. John Callender, first Baptist minister at Newport, R. I., published in 1739, is found the following brief summing up of Gorton's career after he left Plymouth:

"He came to Rhode Island in June, 1638,* where he tarried till 1639–40;

* Other authorities say more than six months later.

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then he was, on some contentions, banished the Island. Thence he went to Providence, where many of the people growing uneasy at his planting and building at Patuxet, and complaining to the Massachusetts Governor in 1642, he was summoned to appear before their court, which he despised. But, however, he purchased this tract of the Indians,* and removed there with his friends. But new complaints soon went to Boston from some of the English, and Pomham and Socononoko, petty Sachems of the Indians, who it seems were willing to take advantage of the protection of the Massachusetts English, to revolt from their subjection to Miantonomo, as Massasoit had done before, by means of the Plymouth English. Hereupon, Mr. Gorton and his friends being summoned to court, he refused to obey, as out of the jurisdiction both of Boston and Plymouth, who both sought to stretch their bounds, to have taken him in. The government at length sent up a company of armed men,† who, after a fruitless treaty, made him and his friends prisoners, except a few who escaped by flight. They were carried to Boston,‡ and after a trial in their court, condemned to be confined in a severe and scandalous manner,§ in several towns for the winter, and in the spring banished the colony. They came to Rhode Island, and fearing to be again troubled, the Massachusetts seeking a patent of some of the Narraganset country, they procured an actual and solemn submission of the Sachems to King Charles, on the 19th of August, 1644, and Messrs. Gorton, Greene and Holden went to England and obtained an order to be suffered peaceably to possess their purchase. And the lands forementioned, being incorporated in the Province of Providence Plantations, they returned and carried on their improvements, naming their purchase Warwick, in honor to the Earl of Warwick, who gave them his friendly protection."

After Gorton's return from England and settlement in Warwick, his life seems to have flowed on more smoothly The spot selected for his residence was several miles distant from that of Othniel Gorton, before mentioned, "at the head of a small cove, which winds its way through pleasant meadows a little distance inland from what was formerly called Cowesett, now Greenwich Bay. The house faced the water and had a south-western exposure. Gently sloping hills sheltered it from the inclemencies of a northern climate." This spot was one of the fairest to be found upon the Narraganset shores. From the rising grounds in the vicinity were to be seen "the pleasant shores and calm waters of the Bay, its numerous islands, Mount Hope

* Jan. 12, 1642-3, Shawomet, or Mishawomet, since called Warwick, was purchased of Miantonomo—Pomham, the petty Sachem, consenting to the sale or grant, though he afterwards denied it. The grant was made to Randall Holden, John Hickes, Samuel Gorton, John Greene, Francis Weston, Richard Waterman, John Warner, Richard Carder, Samson Shetton, Robert Potter, William Waddell.

† Three commissioners were at the head of this company, viz., Capt. George Cooke, Lieut. Humphrey Atherton, and Edward Johnson—the soldiers, according to Winthrop, numbering forty.

‡ In Gorton's own graphic account of this transaction he complains that after the warlike attack upon them, in which he says four hundred shots were fired, and after the dispersion by flight of the wives and children of his company, their cattle, to the number of "four-score head or thereabouts, besides swine and goats," were driven off and disposed of, and they themselves were strictly watched and guarded on their way, and forbidden, on penalty of being run through, to "give any discontent" to the soldiers by word or deed. When they arrived at Dorchester, he says, a large number of persons assembled, "with divers of their ministers as Master Cotton and Master Mather," and when the prisoners had been placed at their pleasure, "vollies of shot" were fired over their heads "in sign of victory." On arriving in Boston, they were sent to the common jail.

§ Gorton and six others being found guilty of heresy, and sentenced to confinement and hard labor in irons, they were ordered, with irons on their legs, each to a different town in the colony, Gorton himself being sent to Charlestown. In the spring of 1644, Gorton was released, but ordered to leave the colony in fourteen days, on penalty of death if found in the territory afterwards. Gorton at first refused to part with his fetters on these conditions, declaring that he would "wait for fairer terms of release." On force being threatened, he consented and left the prison.

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in the distance, the heights of Providence in the north, and the line of ocean glittering in the sunlight in the southern horizon." He discharged many important civil offices, and on Sunday sometimes preached to the Colonists and Indians The friendship of the latter he early secured, and it was ever afterwards retained. It is said he "sometimes sat, not unhonored, around their council fires, and smoked with their braves the pipe of peace." This mutual friendship excited the jealousy of the other New England Colonies. Notwithstanding that the Narraganset tribe were friendly and faithful to the latter in general above all other tribes, it seems to have been the most suspected by them, owing, doubtless, in no small degree to the aid afforded by Miantonomo and others to the heretical first settlers of Rhode Island. When in 1643 a war broke out between that tribe and the Mohecans, and Miantonomo was taken prisoner by Uncas, the disposal of this illustrious sachem was dependent upon the decision of the English settlers. The same unjust and narrow prejudice apparently still operated, and a cruel consent to his death was given by the Commissioners at Boston, which was soon followed by his murder in cold blood by the perfidious Uncas. Gorton, to his credit be it said, interfered to prevent this catastrophe, but unsuccessfully.

The real character of Samuel Gorton, so little understood by the religious controversialists of his day, has been looked upon with more and more of palliation and even esteem as generations have passed. His most striking traits of character, it is now believed, were manifested less for the attainment of any private end, than for "the defence of what he believed to be right, for the furtherance of the truth, for the establishment of human freedom." In the words of an earnest student of history now living in Rhode Island, to whom we are indebted for facts embraced in this imperfect sketch, "He was honest, moral, truthful, charitable, a good neighbor in the christian sense of that word, just and with a quick sense of justice."

Mr. Clapp's memory was overflowing with ancient incidents, and every spot of ground which we passed over had been the scene of some occurrence that seemed to again rise up before him in all its original freshness. One lot was pointed out where a large crop of rye was once raised, and under our feet was a large flat rock, now partly covered, where hundreds of bushels of that grain were threshed out in one season, there being no barn near. Further on was a slight elevation overlooking a meadow. In the latter place, the speaker remembered a large fire of brush-wood was once kindled, and several oxen feeding on the hill rushed madly down into the flames, and were only saved from destruction by some men who happened to be near. After passing through swamps and over the boundary which divided the original estate of Silas from the thirty acres added to it by more recent purchase, we came to the *wigwam lot*, so called, where tradition says the Indians once had a dwelling-place. The truth of this is corroborated by the fact that Indian implements for household and hunting use have been found beneath the surface around, some of which have been preserved and were exhibited on our return to the house.

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THE NARRAGANSETS,

Who originally governed over all the lands of the Rhode Island Colony, under the chieftaincy of Miantonomo, were a rich, haughty and powerful tribe. The Shawomet Indian lands (afterwards Warwick) were more particularly under the control of the inferior sachems, Pomham and Sanconoco, who, after the purchase of these lands by Samuel Gorton, and in order to nullify that purchase, placed themselves, their subjects and lands under the government and jurisdiction of Massachusetts. A contest in regard to the rights and powers of these petty chiefs, and in regard to the authority of other colonies over the territory, continued for several years, but all these minor questions were finally merged in the great war of the united colonies with King Philip, begun in 1675, and into which the Narragansets under Canonchet, Pomham and other sachems entered with their whole force and influence. During this war the territory of the tribe was ravaged far and wide, and 150 wigwams were destroyed by fire at one time in December, 1675. Pomham was slain in July, 1676; Canonchet, the son of Miantonomo, in March, 1676; Philip himself Aug. 12, 1676, and the Narraganset tribe, which at one time could muster more than four thousand warriors, and at the beginning of this very war could raise two thousand, were so far exterminated that after the war not a hundred could be found in Rhode Island.* The period of this war was the most distressing that new England had ever seen. About six hundred men, the flower of her strength, fell in battle or were butchered by the savages. In Massachusetts, Plymouth and Rhode Island, twelve or thirteen towns were utterly destroyed, about six hundred dwellings were burned, a heavy debt was contracted, a vast amount of property destroyed, and a general gloom was spread over the whole country. During this whole time, it is recorded that Roger Williams remained in Providence unmolested by the savage foe; and no mention is made of Samuel Gorton, around whom in Warwick the war fiercely raged, being attacked by them.

JEMIMA WILKINSON.

On certain portions of the pasture land travelled over, were noted a low, yellow-flowered wild plant, which we were told was called Jemima weed, and took its name from the celebrated Jemima Wilkinson, the popular belief being that it was unknown in this vicinity before the time of that impostor. The birth-place of Jemima was in Cumberland, not many miles distant. She was born in 1753, and her pretensions as a prophet and a worker of miracles began after a severe fit of sickness at the age of 20. She maintained that she had been raised from the dead, that her carnal life was ended, and that her body thenceforth was to be reänimated by the spirit and power of Christ. Though illiterate, her attractive person, her extraordinary tact and shrewdness, and the very boldness and audacity of her pretensions drew around her not a few followers, from whom she exacted the most humble submission and most menial services. Waterman's father was in the habit of relating to him instances of her domineering propensity and

* In 1730, a census was taken of the Colony of Providence Plantations, when the population of Warwick stood as follows: Whites, 1028; Negroes, 77; Indians, 73.

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her deceptive practices, and mentioned one occasion, long memorable in the neighborhood, when she appointed, at East Greenwich, near by, a day in which she would walk on the water. A large number of people assembled on the day mentioned, and waited a long time for Jemima to make her appearance. A messenger at last arrived, saying that she was unwell and would not come that day, but would soon fulfil her promise. After awhile, another day was set, and the people assembled as before. She came, and asked her followers if they believed in her and what she said. The answer was that they did. She replied,—" If you do believe in me, 'tis as well as if I performed the miracle," then put whip to her horse and drove away. At another time, she enjoined it upon her followers that they must fast forty days. Among others who attempted a compliance with this injunction was a girl then engaged in spinning for Waterman's mother; but she, like the others, after a fair trial, gave up the task. Jemima excelled in horsemanship, and made use of the very best horses that could be found. Mr. William Waterman, uncle to Mr. Waterman Clapp, had a superior animal, which Jemima one day saw and took a fancy to, and said she would like to purchase. She took the horse to try, and after riding several miles she pronounced him one of the best, said she would take him, and paid Mr. W. his price, which was one hundred French crowns. Her followers built a meeting-house for her in Frenchtown (a place near East Greenwich).

In 1786, she and her disciples resolved to move to a new settlement and establish a colony. Accordingly, a large tract of land—some 14,000 acres—was, in 1789, purchased by several of them in Yates Co., N. Y., where the town of Torrey now is, to which was afterwards added the town of Jerusalem, whither she and many of her followers repaired. A house had been erected for her, and a farm of 1000 acres set apart and freely cultivated for her special benefit.—The exercises of her religious meetings were said to resemble somewhat those of the Shakers. She never relinquished her pretensions, but her influence gradually waned. The latter part of her life was embittered by jealousies and annoyances, and she died July 1, 1819, in the town of Jerusalem already named. After her decease of course the sect was entirely broken up.

A house was pointed out by our guide which was once used as a smallpox hospital. The circumstances were these, as remembered and related by Mr. Clapp. Early in the present century, a son of the occupant of this house returned from Charleston, S. C., and was soon taken sick with the smallpox. Before the nature of his complaint was known, he was visited by about twenty of his friends. When it was found out that the disease was smallpox, all who had been exposed were inoculated for that disease, and shut up at home till the symptoms began to show themselves. Then all were carried to the house where the young man was taken sick and confined there till the disease had run its course. All recovered.

A considerable part of the land on the Clapp farm has been used only for pasturage, and in former years great numbers of sheep were kept upon it. When the neighboring village of Centreville began to be the seat of large manufactories, which have since distinguished it, the

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numerous dogs kept by its inhabitants were so destructive to the flocks pastured on these exposed hills as to render it unprofitable longer to raise them. Abundant pasture-land is furnished for the 18 or 20 head of cattle now belonging to the farm, and the portions reserved for wood-land and devoted to tillage are more than sufficient for the wants of the present occupants. The grounds are well watered, there being several never-failing springs on the sides of the hills, the waters of which find their way through the lower portions.

On returning towards the mansion which for so many generations had been the residence of the owners of this farm, beyond it in the west were seen the hills of Coventry, among which was once the residence of Gen. Greene, of revolutionary fame. Recollections of him and his family were freely related by Mr. Clapp, but the history of Nathaniel Greene, the friend of Washington, is too well known to every American reader to warrant further notice here.—The cellar, over which stood the old Clapp school-house, mentioned on page 292, was passed on the way, and the interested but slightly fatigued pedestrians before dark reached the house from which they started.

No. 15 (p. 285).—HENRY.[5*] He m. and had children as follows:

Elias,[6] m. and had a family; a grandson *David*[6] m. his relative, a granddau. of Benjamin.[6]

John,[6] nothing known of his history.

Ruth,[6] may have been the Ruth Clapp who, in New York city, Dec. 17, 1771, was lisenced to m. John Robinson.

Benjamin,[6] b. in 1751; he m. and had children as follows:

Thomas,[7] m. and had: I. *William*.[8] II. *Henry*.[8] III. *Paul*,[8] m. and had: (1) *Cornelius*,[9] who now lives in Wellington, Ontario, Can.; (2) *William*.[9]

Paul.[7]

William,[7] d. without issue.

Thomas,[6] may have been the Thomas Clapp who, in New York city, May 2, 1782, was licensed to m. Erris Standish.

Silas.[6] *Darius*.[6] *Phillip*.[6] *Henry*.[6] *Mary*.[6]

No. 51 (p. 293).—JOHN.[6] He m. twice.

No. 52 (p. 294).—PHEBE.[6] She m. John Dean.

No 56 (p. 294).—WILLIAM.[6] He m. Deborah Barnes. He had a son *Samuel*,[7] who settled in Canada.

No. 60 (p. 294)—HANNAH.[6] She m. John Parmer.

No. 70 (p. 299).—JAMES.[7] He was probably born in the town of North East, Dutchess Co., N. Y. At the time of the Revolution he adhered to the cause of the king, and took refuge in Nova Scotia; he returned to his friends in Dutchess Co., when the war was over, and soon after, m. Catharine Rowe. After marriage he removed to Rensselaer Co., but returned to North East, and lived on his father's old homestead. Afterwards he bought a farm adjoining his father's, but finally removed to Kinderhook with his father and brother Eda. His

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* The record of Henry (No. 15) should have been printed on page 367, where it belongs in regular order, but was received too late for insertion there.

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father dying in 1816, he emigrated the next year to Ohio, and died in 1842, in Warrensville, Ohio, where his wife survived him and died at a great age.

Children of JAMES and CATHARINE (Rowe) Clapp:

John,[8] *Zerah*[8] and *Rebecca*[8] all died in infancy.

Peter,[8] b. about 1795, near Albany, but his childhood was passed in North East, Dutchess Co., N. Y. At the age of 12 or 14 years, he left his home in Dutchess Co., and went to sea. The following sketch of this interesting portion of his life is furnished by himself, being now over 80 years of age, for the Memorial:

"From the time that I was scarcely fourteen years old, I lived a roving life until I was twenty-five. At the beginning of the war of 1812, I was impressed in England and sent on board of a British Man-of-War; but having too much 'John Bull' blood in my veins to be compelled into a service I did not like, I obstinately refused to serve his Britannic Majesty in any way whatever, and after being kept in the British Navy for some eighteen months, and roughly used, as was customary in those days, I was sent to prison, first on board the Hulks, in the River Medway, near Chatham, and afterwards to Dartmoor Prison, in Devonshire, where I was kept until the end of the war. In Dartmoor Prison, there were about two thousand Americans, who had been impressed into the British Navy from American merchant ships. Many of these had been several years in the British service, and at the beginning of the war of 1812 had, like myself, obstinately refused to serve against their country, and were finally discharged and sent to prison,—*a most noble and munificent compensation for their services.* For some reason, the impressed men were the last who were liberated from Dartmoor Prison, and consequently were more or less sufferers in the *cowardly Dartmoor Massacre.* Finally, after our liberation and arrival at Boston, I was yet unwilling to return to my parents, but instead thereof I shipped on board the U. S. Steamer Washington, and while lying in Boston Bay waiting for sailing orders, I wrote to my father, who came immediately to Boston, demanded my discharge, I being still under age, and took me home with him."

His father at that time lived in Kinderhook, N. Y. In 1817, Peter removed with his father to Ohio, and, after a ramble over the Western and Southern States, went to Ontario, Canada, to visit a maternal uncle; there he married and has since resided. He has had two wives, the second now dead thirty years, and twelve children, some of whom are dead, and the rest scattered.

Diana,[8] now living at Mt. Vernon, O.

Deborah,[8] d. some years ago.

James Gilbert,[8] b. in 1803; his childhood was passed at North East, in which town, besides his father's family, he recollects a great-aunt, one of the sisters of his grandfather, Gilbert, who was married to Ebenezer Merritt, and who probably lived and died in that town. James removed with his father to Kinderhook, and finally emigrated with him to Warrensville, O., where he now resides. Children: **i.** *John*,[9] was Captain in the 2d Ohio Cavalry, in the War of the Rebellion, and was killed in 1862, by his horse falling with him in a dark night. **ii.** *Mary*.[9] **iii.** *James*.[9] **iv.** *Hammond*.[9] **v.** *Henry*.[9] **vi.** *William*.[9] **vii.** *Elton*.[9] All are living except the first.

Tammie Maria.[8]

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No. 71 (p. 299)—Eda.[7] He m. and had: **i.** *Hannah.*[8] **ii.** *Alexander,*[8] d. young. **iii.** *Gilbert,*[8] who succeeded his father in business, in Kinderhook. **iv.** *Hiram.*[8] **v.** *Eda.*[8]

No. 72 (p. 309).—Cornbury.[7] He was b. either in Westchester Co. or in North East, Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he spent his youth. The name of his second wife was Ann Haight, a school teacher.

No. 91 (p. 303).—Thomas.[7] He m. second, Oct. 11, 1838, Sarah Barnes, who d. July 14, 1846.

No. 131 (p. 309).—Lewis.[8] He was the second son of Cornbury.

VI. - - - Miscellaneous.

Extracts from Old Diaries.

An old blank book in possession of one of the Dorchester Clapps has the following notes written apparently at random on different pages. There is certainly great ingenuity shown in the spelling of certain words. The vivid description of the battle of Long Island might make one almost believe that the writer himself was on the spot where the "Bols floue thick," and that he was obliged "for to Ron" with the rest! The minister referred to as having begun to sing "six time a day" was the Rev. Moses Everett, for an account of whom see page 254.

"Dorchester, June 1 day 1772 mr Noah Clap preach all day so he did."

"1773

"March 14 day then mr Pall Hall Broght his child to Bapise and mr Jonathan Bomon* wont ——."

"1773

"Dorchester May 11 day then Reuent mr Jonath[n] Bomon had a cherch meating upon the acount of mr Pall hall Child and seuell other arcels that he menched."

"March 30 day 1775 the honer and Renenet pastor of the churche in Dorchester hane Departed this Life Mr Jonath Bomoan by Death and these before he Died he called for his bibell and he ask his wife to luck the first chapter of Thimity and the twelf ueres and he spock a foue words and died and wend to Sealp and he died one the 4 thursdy and was Bread thusdy folouener."

"1776

"Noue york August 24 day this is for to Sarti that thay Be goun for to fir oner at Long Islon and It Lasted from the Dait to the thirty day and then ouer pepel Retred Back and then thay was prety qwity for a

* Rev. Jonathan Bowman, fourth minister of the First Church in Dorchester, from 1730 to 1774. The occurrence here referred to caused much excitement in Dorchester at the time, and was the first open act in the controversy between pastor and people which finally ended in the dismission of Mr. Bowman in 1775. The circumstance which prompted the refusal of baptism to Mr. Hall's child is said to have been the shooting by him of Mr. Bowman's hens, which had been trespassing on a garden belonging to Mr. Hall and adjoining the yard and barn of Mr. Bowman.

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Bout twel dayes one fridy the thirteen day of September 13 day and then the Bols floue thick nouf and the 15 day one satidy thay com at noue york and we was in the trench ment and we was a Blig for to Ron and Leaue euerything Behind for thay presed one soe hard that we was a Blig for to Rone seuel mill and we Lost seuel By grinking col worter and We had three wounded."

"Dorchester March 28 and 1777 this to sarty that mr. Edward paiece* was chose deaken in this chirch woted that is for to sing one half a day without Reading and this is for but for one month."

"June 15 day 1777 then mr Eueait bung for to sing three times In the four noon three timers in the after part of the day and we sing six time a day that 87 psalm was the first psalm and the first him was the six him."

"Dorchester September 28 day 1777 sarty that mr. Edward perce gaue his arncer But he haue not sot their Yt."

"October 5 day 1777 this is to sarty that mr Pearce tuck his place."

"March 15 day 1778 then mr Eueait was to miniser the saiment but his wife died the firiday Before she died the 13 day of march."

"Dorchester May 19 day 1780 this is to seartify that It was soe Dark that peopel was Blige to Light a candel for to ceay to Eat their Diner and It Bungn a Bout nine a clock and at twelue or half aifter twelue was the Darcks time and it went of gradly as it Be(g)ane a ferse the mune full the Day Before. It was soe Darck that you coudnt se a hand Befour you face."

"1780

"December 27 day then their was knoe meaten that day By the Badnes of the goeing."

"Dorchester Nouember 18, 1781 then mr Eueat Boun to Reaid a Chap[t] at the meating Hous."

"1782

"Dorchester December 8 day then was noe meaitin for he was sick."

"1783

"Dorchester May 25 then their was noe meating for he had a sore eye."

"October 16 day 1785 mr Eueat was sick and puly and it twas a sacment day."

From an old Diary with the Title: "A book of Remarkable Providences which are to be kept in Remembrance by us & our Children after us that so we & they may Remember that God Over Rules all things in his wise Providence according to His own Sovereign will & Pleasure," the following notes are taken:

"There was an Earthquake on the Sabbath day on the 3d Day of June, 1744, the same year on the 9th Day of June was the hard thunder

* Deacon Edward Pierce was the person who, nearly twenty years after he was "chose deaken" as above, enlarged the old meeting-house of the First Parish, which event is more particularly referred to on page 263.

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which struck a Tree in Samuel Pond's ground; the same year there was 3 fasts kept two yearly fasts & one on the account of the wars & Earthquake."

"Tuesday June the 17th 1746 was the hard thunder that came out of the Easterly on the morning which kill'd Jesaniah Tucker's Calf & struck M^r^ Weekses Barn at Dorchester."

"Jan. the 22 1751 on Tuesday in the forenoon was the Strong wind that blew down the widow Jarvices Chimney on Major Shepard which wounded him; and blew of the roof of our hovel, & many other buildings & Trees."

"In the Night following the 17th Day of November about two hours before Day was a Remarkable great Earthquake."*

"May the 25 1756 was the Clap of thunder that killed George Blackman & his oxen."

The writer of this diary, after the record of the death of his wife, closes his list of "Remarkable Providences" with the following:

"My Wife was born in March & She Joined to the Church in March She was married to me in March & we settled together in a Family in March & she had her First Child in March & her last Child was born in March & She died in March."

"And there is another thing which we have taken Notis of in respect to all our first Creatures for our very hen that my wife brought with her was killed by the hens Picking her to death our Hogg was so near Dead by being choaked or by eating too much that we were forced to kill him our first Cat was killed by a Backlog being flung on her our first dog was killed for Taking after the sheep our first Horse died by being Cast in the Barn our first Cow that we raised dropt down dead in the yard as we thought by the murrin our first swarm of bees went away and also our first Child Died & the wife of my youth."

Extracts from Ancient Letters.

The extensive prevalence of sickness and other misfortunes, so often referred to in these letters, seems to show that the simple habits of our ancestors did not secure to them advantages in regard to general health and security superior to those now enjoyed. Something must be allowed, however, for the habit, then more prevalent than now, of dwelling on the afflictive dispensations of Providence, rather than on the beneficent and joyous ones.

FROM DEA. JONATHAN CLAPP, TO REV NATHANIEL CLAPP.

May 9, 1708.—"As for the names of the persons which have Joyned to this Church which is on year I think I will write some or all of them. Widow Hall, sister Hannah Clap, Sam^l^ Leeds & his wife, Jerijah Wales & his wife, John Robinson & wife, Jabez Searl & wife, Sam^l^ Tolman & wife, Joseph Mosely & wife, Sam^l^ Hall, Sam^l^ With-

* 1755. It is recorded of this earthquake that many buildings in Boston were thrown down by it, and 1500 chimneys shattered or overturned. Mather Byles says, "It was a terrible night; the most so, perhaps, that ever New England saw."

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ington, John Withington, Eben[r] & Thankfull Withington, Ruth Clap, Mary & Elizabeth Glover, 3 of Phillip Withington's child[n]."

Aug. 8, 1708.—He speaks of the dryness of the season and suffering of the cattle in consequence, and then continues: "Many of our soldier trooper are sent away this morning to see if they can make discouery of a body of the ennymie which we hear is com ouer the leake which the say haue bin 20 or 21 day out from moryal whether true or not this is true it will put all towns into a poster of war which are Remot and it will be a means of drawing many of our frends and neigbors in to pleases of danger, the Lord sist for what his will and pleasur may be and saue his people from 700 hundred which we hear of and keep of euery evil thing," &c.

FROM EBENEZER AND HANNAH CLAPP, TO REV. NATHANIEL CLAPP.

Sept. 5.—"Many distreses and troubles are upon peopel in these parts by reson of the french and indians coming upon us which has ocasioned one quarter part of the soldiers in our town to be drawn forth to the fronters Towns, and sickness in many familyes; our youngest child has been ill but throu gods goodness in hope of recouery." "brother John" "is well." "Father and mother are well."

Aug. 11, 1710. "God has giuen us a son [born 2d of Aug.] and continueth life and helth to us all when many others are uisited with sickness; some familyes ar so many ill that they are hardly abel to help one another. feuer and agues are uery frequent in this town and I hear brother Ebenezer Sumner is taken ill and how it is with him I know not."

Aug. 14, 1710.—"This town I think has neer 2 hundred solders in it desireing to go to port ryal, here they are to keep till they go. I kept: 5: 20: weeks the last summer and I have 4 sent to me againe," &c.

Feb. 25, 1710–11.—"Our youngest child John has been uery sick but is now recouered to helth again." "Mrs. Widow Brick was buryed this day seuen night. Philip Witherton wife was buryed a few weeks before. Uncle Benjamin Leedes wife is now uery sick nor likely to line many days." "I haue heard that the small pox is uery mortal at Newport I shuld be glad to know the certainty of it and I should be more glad to see you my loueing brother if it might be. My dear and loueing wife has made some good strabury sarrup and she is afraid it will be spoiled before you come to drink it."

Aug. 5, 1711. "Cozen Samuell black was ill a month or more then his mother was very ill, then his father, but now all recouered to helth again." "My wife hath made some good strabery surop for you against you come to see her." In the early part of the letter he says: "I shall not wright to you about the grate comotions that are now acting in the world, for I supose you are acquainted with them allready. It is a time when gods Judgments are abroad in the earth, many of our young men are called into the seruise, many are uisited with sickness; at home God has giuen us this year plentifully of the fruits of the earth, but seems to withhold strength to gather it."

Rec'd 7 (4) 1711.—"Of the small peses of money that you sent too my brothers and sisters Children to encorage them to lern good things I haue giuen to brother John 3; to brother Jonathan 1; to brother

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Ebenezer Sumner 5; to brother Samuell Clap 3; to brother Edward Sumner 4; to my one children 3: Ebenezer, Hannah & John, and they all receiue them thankfully." "Cozen Samuell Blake is to commince this year and I doo know it is hard with his parents to prouide that which is comly and desent, which I know they would willingly doe, therefore I believe if you shuld giue order to giue of your money that is in my hands to him or his parents it might be for the glory of God and exceptable by them."

Nov. 11, 1711.—"I shall giue you a brief acount of our condition hear in this towne, it is uery terabel sickness, is uery mortal, thear hath ben 7 or 8 buried in our burying place within 15 or 16 days, thoe most of them ware soldiers belonging to other places, but many of the inhabitance are uery sick now. Doct. Elijah Danforth is dangerously sick. Oliver Wiswal and his wife are both sick, brother Samuel's youngest child is uery sick and many other children, and father haven dyed uery suddenly and is to be buryed to morow. I shall not giue you an account of publick calamities for I supos you haue heard already how the lord has ben contending with us his peopell by disapointing the Expectation of his peopel and his sending fire which has consumed a part, and his sending extream hy tides which has made a grate spoyll and many other judgments which has come upon us, but I shall acquaint you with a thing that has hapened and it is because sin abounds, some Evil minded person has broke into mothers house and has broke into your chamber and has broke open your littel trunk and has taken what he or shee thought worth taking. If thear wear any money that is all gone and it seems as by the tumbling at things as if they had wanted nothing but money. but what is taken I know not, but I pray you to send me a letter about it and what you would haue done with the things in the chamber for I think it is not fit to haue any thing of worth in such a by place and no body to take care of things. They first broke the window into the palor and then went up to the garit flore and brok up a bord and went down into the Chamber and opened all the locks that ware fast and left them open and came down and went out at the back door as if they went away in hast, but I can tell you better than I can wright to you if I shuld line to see you." "I hope I shall obserue your directions in disposing of what you sent to encorage them [the children] to lern the 8 part of 119 psalm. Ebenezer can lern it."

Dec. 25, 1711.—"Many in this town are sick and weak and godly aged persons are taken out of an euill world. Ant holmes at boston is dead and is to be buryed to morow; philip withertons wife is more likelier to dy then to liue; noah beman Remains uery week yet though some hops of recouery. James Baker sinc is newly taken uery ill." "I think this day 16 year you went to Rhoad island."

March 30, 1712.—"Honered and louing brother, I am glad that I can write and haue case to be thankful to god for preserving of me and my wife when our lines wear endangered by a fall off of our horse. I desire your prayers that the mercy may be sanctified for good and also the affliction that I am now exercised with. Awful prouidences and sudden deaths happen hear among us to awaken us out of our securing. Cozen Joseph Bird was firing a gun at a flock of Brants and the baril of the gun ris out of the stock and recoiled Back and

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strock right in his foarhead and he dyed in les then 30 hours and my wife and I wear going to his buryall and our horse fell into a hole and threw us both of and my wife received no harm but I came with my Elbow to the ground and put it out and was in grate pain with it till it was set which was about 5 hours, and since has ben uery weak and sore. I am not abell yet to bring it to my mouth thoe I think the bone was well set but the sinews are uery much straind."

April 21, 1712.—"We are under sore aflictions and tryalls hear with us, my dear and louing wife has been sorely uisited with the feuer and ague euery day for more then a week thoe the extremity of it is abated, and our honered mother has it euery other day and is uery low with it. and I my self am under exercise uery trobelsom for I am afraid I shall in part lose the use of my left arm for it is now fiue weeks sence I hurt it and I am not abel as yet to bring it to my mouth, the lord in mercy help me to get good by such an atliction. I would pray you to send me word whether you haue any knowledg of Docter Sweed of naraganset, I am much aduised to send for him or go to him for help for my arm." "I hear from our friends and relations at Northampton and they are uery sickly in that town. It is suposed that there are more than 30 persons dangerously sick and some are dead. Old Mr Bridgman, one or two of uncle preseruid claps grand children and some others. peopel are generaly helthy hear Except feuer and auger is upon many."

May 12, 1712.—"I haue ben in grate pain thease furst 10 days after my arm was set but now the pain is much abated but it continues uery weak and sore, but I haue more hopes of its uesfulnes in time then I was before it was broke the second time."

Recd 19 (4) 1712.—"I will aquaint you how it has ben with me in respect of my lame arm, for 12 weeks I was not abel to take off my hat with my left arm and I endured a grate deall of pain with it, but now through the goodness of god I haue so much strength as to bring it to my head without the help of my other hand," &c. "Thear be many exercised with Agues uery teribel it has gon throug our family but many in the neibourhoud are now exercised, thear be two ancient woemen dyed latly in this place, old Mrs trot and old Mrs Wisswal, and Mr Samuel Wiswal is come down and is hear now and entends to stay some time."

Aug. 3, 1712.—"Thear be many ancient christians haue left this world in a littel time thear has dyed 5 widows in a uery littel time, mrs trot, mrs wiswall mrs. Brick, mrs tilstone, and ant leds, all in les than 4 mounths time; and this last thirsday we ware at uncle Ebenezer claps funeral, he was taken ill Jest one week before with a faint feuer and he was worst euery other day, his fourth fit held him long and then fell into a slumber and dyed about four of the clock in the Aternone July 30. We haue ben all of us ill of the feuer and auger this summer but throug gods goodnes all well now; my lame arme continues weake still I am abel to use it but littel, the Docters tels me that the bones are all right but a Jelly is grone hard in the Joint that occasions much pain, the lord sanctify this affliction for the good of my soul."

Recd 8 : 11 : 1713.—"Our family is sorely uisitted with sickness, one of our Children has had the meezels and is recoured, the other

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three and the maid are now ill." "Thear be diuers families now uisited with the mezels but not many haue dyed in this town but in boston a grate many: theare be some dead in this town of other sicknes, uncle whit, Edward Brick and some other grone persons beside children."

Rec^{d} 21 : 11 : 1715.—"God has giuen us fiue children and has concontinued them to us yet, Ebenezer, Hannah, John, Nathaniel, Joseph." "We haue cause to be thankful to god for preseruing Ebenezer when his life was endangered by a fall from the house—he fell 16 foot down upon the hard ground and receued but littel hurt only brused one or two of his ribs which was sone healed—uncle desire claps wife was buryed the week before last—the mezels are in some familys amongs us—one in brother Samuel Clap family and 2 in brother Edward Sumner family and many other familys in Roxbery."

REV. NATHANIEL CLAPP TO DEA. JONATHAN CLAPP.

24 : 10 : 1711.—"My louing Brother Jonathan: I haue your letter of 4th Instant. Thank you for it. Would haue you to Desire all my Brothers & sisters Children to learn 138 Psalm as soon as they are Able, and would haue you and them and all my Friends to be diligent in Improuing all the opportunityes of Divine Patience that are afforded before Troubles come upon us, for it seems to mee very Probable that Sad Times are coming upon the world, and the General security that seems to Invade most People is no Good Sign that Distressing Dispensations are far off. However, while wee Hope for the Best, it will Do us no Harm to Fit for the Worst. May the God of all Grace Bless you and yours. Thus your loving Brother, NATHANIEL.

REV. NATHANIEL CLAPP TO EBENEZER CLAPP.

21 : 12 : 1723-4.—"I had wrote a letter By cousin Capen to Brother Jonathan before he Dyed, know not if he had it before his death." "I heard of His sickness like lightning, then of His Death like Thunder, so it was About the Death of Cousin Samuel."

July 1, 1725.—"I understand that Brother *John* hath a Grand-Daughter *Beulah*. But uncle *Noah* hath Buried his wife."

15 : 11 : 1725-6.—"I cann't say that I have had one well Day since I left you, Nor several years Before. And I suppose you can Remember, How Feeble I was while I was with you, And yet I have bin Almost constantly Hurryed and Wearied with Exercising Difficulties Ever since I came from you."

EBENEZER CLAPP TO REV. NATHANIEL CLAPP.

Dec. 14, 1727.—"As for me and my famyly we are through the patience and goodnes of god all yet Aliue and well in helth only John remains lame with his Knee being stife but god hath ben grasious in sparing life and Limb and giueing strength not only to walk but Run and free from pain. Mr. Danforth has ben week and feble this Last summer But is sumthing Better now: thear hath ben many Deaths in our town since I wear with you and som heads of familyes. Capt foster and his wiff and Joseph Bird dyed very sudenly this summer.—peopel seme to be mightily Afected with the late Earthquak which we felt about six weeks Agone and has ben heard or felt almost Euery

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week since in some parts near Boston. I pray it may haue such an Impresion upon us as to Awaken us out of our carnal security and quicken us to fly to Christ whear we shall be safe."

March 6, 1740–1.—" We haue had a long and hard winter I think the longest and hardest that I euer can remember, slids of wood are now dayly going ouer upon the ice from Brantry, from Milton, from Dorchester to suply poor Boston with wood, yet notwithstanding the dificulties that many are in to get the nesesaris of life god is pleased to continy genaral helth in most Touns in theas parts for which we haue case to be thankful." "The Rev Mr Tennent* preached at Milton twice in the Afternoon wendsday, on thursday at brantry and weymouth and so on to freetown and Tiuertoun homeward when the season will permit."

FROM REV. THOMAS PRINCE TO REV. NATHANIEL CLAPP.

Dear S^{r}

With this there comes several Parcils of Pamphlets, w^{c} I thot advisable to send you.

No 1 contains those I bought wth your money.

No 2 is a sermon Presented you by Rev. Mr Sewall.

No 3 is a sermon of mine Presented you by Mr. Henchman.

No 4 is a number of Pamphlets Presented you by my son Tommy, with his humble Thanks for your kind Present & Desire of your Prayers for him.

And now Dear s^{r}, I heartily condole wth you in all your Difficulties, and earnestly Pray God to inlighten & guide you into every measure y^{t} may be for his Glory, y^{e} advancement of y^{e} Interest of Religion, y^{e} Good of his People, & your own Ease & Comfort.

And so wth earnest Desires of your continued Prayers for me and mine,

I rest

Boston Tuesday
Jan 30 1727–8.

Your affectionate
Humble servant
THOMAS PRINCE.

FROM NOAH CLAPP TO REV. NATHANIEL CLAPP.

Sir, these few lines are to acquaint you, as my Brother told me you desired to be, with what Books you have at our house, & they are as follows, first, Commentaries upon the Epistle of Titus, by Mr Thomas Taylor. 2. Mr Gassenduses astronomie. 3. A treatise of the Covenant of Grace, By Mr John Cotton. 4. Concerning the Doctrine of the Trinity, by Mr John Owen, DD. 5. Probabilities that the Americans are Jews, By Thomas Thorowgood. 6. Concerning Popery by anomilous. 7. The way of truth laid out in a treefold Catechism offered to the publick by severall Ministers. 8. Concerning the present state of New England, By Mr Cotton Mather. 9. Sacramental meditations, By Mr. John Flavel. 10. Navigation spiritual-

* Rev. Gilbert Tennent, an eminent preacher, born in Armagh, Ireland, Feb. 5, 1703; died July 23, 1764. In 1726, was ordained pastor of a congregation at New Brunswick, N. J. In 1740 and '41 he travelled through New England, at the request of Rev. Mr. Whitefield, and preached in many places with great success. He was one of the most conspicuous ministers of his day, ardent in his zeal, forcible in his reasoning, and bold and passionate in his address to the conscience and the heart.—*Drake's Biographical Dictionary.*

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ized by the same. 11. The work of a Christian By Mr. Thomas Crosby. 12. The foundation of God with the immutability thereof by Anomolous. 13. Free Grace maintained & improved by anomalous. 14. A discourse of that great point in divinity the sufferings of Christ, by Norton. 15. True believers in Christ shall have everlasting life in heaven, By Mr Increase Mather, DD. 16. The bruised reed & smoaking flax by Mr R Sibbs DD. 17. An Alarm to unconverted sinners By Joseph Allein. 18. A Saint indeed by Mr John Flavel. 19. Counsel to young folks By Mr Brooks. Here is all, I think, that are at our house. I would also acquaint you that your Brother, Ebenezer Clap, is well, together with all his family, & also my mother, together with all our family, & that it is a pretty healthy time throughout all the Town, & that my Brother, Ebenezer Sumner, got home well when they came to see you. I desire your prayers for me, Noah Clap, Student of Harvard College.

July the 18th, 1733. From Dorchester.

FROM CHURCH COMMITTEE IN NEWPORT TO EBENEZER CLAPP.

S^r^ Yours of the 12^th^ Instant have Rec^d^ and According to Advice of the Ministers with your self their in Contain^d^ our Church was called Together and your letter laid before them, and upon Consideration of the same, our Church have Voted that they Comply with the directions and Counsells their in given, and, accordingly they have Chose three men of the Church, A Committee to Receive the Charity Box with the Money and lay the money out in lands to the best advantage they Can (after paying the subscription to the Rev^d^ Mr. Torrys Meeting-house that our Decs^d^ Pastor y^e^ Rev^d^ Mr. Clap sign^d^ to) and the yearly Income of said lands to be laid out in Books and Distributed as in your letter, our Church have also order^d^ that the Top Stone for our aged and Rev^d^ Pastor Dec^d^ Mr Clap be paid for by the Congregation and not out of said Money Contain'^d^ in said Box, they have Impower'^d^ the Above Committee to give a full Discharge to the Heirs of our Dec^d^ Pastor for all the Church Stock that might be In his hands at his Decease. We beg an Intrest in your Prayers for us in our bereav^d^ Estate and Remain your friends and Hum^bl^ serv^ts^

Sign^d^ in behalf of the Church

Eln^thn^ Hammond
David Moore } Committee
Tho^s^ Cranston

Newport, May 29^th^ 1746.

RECENT SALE OF AN OLD ESTATE—LAND ONCE OWNED BY CAPT. ROGER CLAPP.

It would be an interesting matter of research to trace out the location and descent of the various parcels of land granted to those members of our family who first settled in the then uncultivated wilds of the town of Dorchester. Some little has been done in this way by gathering from the Suffolk Registry Office the miscellaneous abstracts of deeds now first published in this Memorial. The estate alluded to below was one of these tracts of land, and the account given of it and of its recent sale at auction is the more interesting from its having been last in possession of a family which have at different times for

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many generations been connected by marriage with the Clapps. The account is from the reports printed in several of the Boston papers of the date of May 26, 1873.

"One of those infrequent and interesting events, the sale by auction of the landed estate and chattels, personal, of an old house-holder, took place at Dorchester on Saturday afternoon, the estate being that of the late Samuel Blake Pierce, situated on Harvard Street, near Mt. Bowdoin.

"The deceased owner was of the old Dorchester family of Pierces, and the period of his ownership and that of his father, John Pierce, covered jointly a little over one hundred years, the estate having been bought by John Pierce in the year 1773.

"John Pierce died Dec. 11, 1833, aged 91 years. He is spoken of by the chroniclers as a man 'always at home,' prudent, industrious, a great reader, a profound thinker, a man of sound judgment and sterling integrity. He was the oldest of fourteen brothers and sisters. He himself had ten children, all of whom lived to a great age, the shortest life being that of Miss Molly, who was Mrs. Frederic Pope. She was sixty years old when she died. Mrs. Wm. Pope died in her 99th year, in Dorchester, in February of this year, eleven days after her brother Samuel. Hannah, now Mrs. Jacob Foster, is in her 90th year. Mr. Lemuel Pierce, of West Farms, New York, a thriving and highly esteemed citizen, is 83 years of age. Rev. John Pierce, D.D., another of the ten, was for fifty years the sole pastor of the church in Brookline, ending with March 15, 1847, when the whole town united in a grand jubilee to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his settlement. In 1849, Dr. Pierce preached the election sermon, before the State government, and died August 29, 1849, aged 76 years, having reflected honor on his lineage, on his alma mater, Old Harvard (class of 1793), and on the sacred profession which he so early embraced, and of which he was so long a shining light. His remarks regarding his ancestors, that 'the Pierces have been a godly race,' received an added illustration in his own person. Another of the ten children of John Pierce was Samuel Blake Pierce, before mentioned, who was his successor in the ownership of the estate, and who was so lately borne to his long home.

"'Uncle Sam Pierce,' as the latter was familiarly called of late, was born in the house in which he died. He was a manufacturer of boots and shoes, and well-to-do in the world. During the life time of his father, John Pierce, Senior, he did not marry, but sixteen months after the death of his father, when Samuel had attained the ripe age of 53 years, he wedded Eunice Shute Blake, then in her 34th year, his stepmother's granddaughter. The lady lived but 9 months and 11 days after marriage. Mr. Pierce said afterward that he would never marry again, to subject himself to the possibility of feeling once more the depth of woe that haunted him for months after the loss of his beloved Eunice. And he kept his word. For forty years he remained a widower, and kept the house and furniture almost as they were the day that his wife died. As proof of this it may be said, that among the articles sold at auction on Saturday was a perfectly good cotton sheet marked in two places with the initials 'E. B.,' his lost wife's maiden name, wrought there by herself over forty years ago.

"Mr. Pierce, during the last dozen years of his life, had the society

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of an estimable lady whose kind administrations were his solace and his stay. To the last he was lively and happy. For years he was in the habit of having a few friends once a week winter evenings to play whist with him. Only the Monday evening before the accident which ended his life, Mr. Pierce held his own in a couple of games, and was quite jubilant when he and his partner won. The evening of the night that he died he pleasantly intimated to a friend that he would soon be well enough to beat him again.

"The cause of his death was somewhat singular. He was born, as before stated, on the 4th of February. This year, on the 11th of February, only a week after his birthday, he walked to the stove, and stooped over to throw a piece of paper in, when he fell. The neck of the thigh bone was found to be broken, and it is supposed that it snapped through sheer brittleness when he leaned over. He died the second evening after. It is a little remarkable that both he and his father died in the first part of their 92d year.

"Of his father, by way of contrast, it is stated that John Pierce, Senior, had four wives, the ten children being all by the second wife. Further, that his third wife, Mrs. Holden, had six children when he married her, and his fourth wife, Mrs. Rachel Bent Blake, had also four children by her first husband. And, still further, that between July 18, 1791, and June 19, 1793, his second wife died, he married his third wife, she died, and he married his fourth wife.

"Previous to the ownership of the Pierces, the estate just sold was in the family of Clapps from almost the first settlement of the town; it having been part of the first division of public lands, or what was called on the old records the 'cow-walk,' which took place in the year 1638.

"This particular estate was part of what was thus assigned to Capt. Roger Clapp, the military leader of the first settlers of Dorchester, and after the building of a fort on Castle Island by the Massachusetts Colony, its commander. Thus, as will be seen, the estate has had practically but two owners since it was deeded in common by Chickatanbut, the sagamore of Mattapan. Of this fact the auctioneer made good use in his speech describing the property, wherein he eulogized the soundness of the title.

"The sale began by the disposal of the household goods, Robert Vose, Jr., Esq., being the auctioneer, and the sale being by order of the executor, Dea. Ebenezer Clapp. The particular articles first put up were the agricultural grindstone and a pair of hay-poles, which lot went for twenty-five cents. Other clutter was taken off the auctioneer's hands at moderate figures, and twenty five cents would buy almost anything at first. The large old spinning-wheel did not command a bid, but in the offer of a small and very perfect spinning-wheel the prospecting auctioneer fairly struck into the rich vein of the antique, from which his expected successes were to come. This article and the reel that belonged with it went for a dollar and a half.

"The kitchen ware and furniture, being of modern style, was taken by the utilitarian element of the party at moderate figures, but when the sitting-room was reached the sentimentalists assumed the supremacy and cast covetous eyes in various directions. The principal attraction was the old family clock, which for eighty-three years had stood in the identical corner where it now stood, and where its long

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pendulum had during that protracted period been continuously swinging and ticking the minutes into hours. This clock was one of the tall antique style, and was made by the celebrated Aaron Willard. It was handsomely cased and well preserved, keeping as good time at present as eighty-three years ago. Its dial indicated the days of the week, and the phases of the moon, as well as the hours and minutes. It was started bravely at forty dollars, but went up like a balloon, at five and ten dollars a leap, to one hundred dollars. Above that point, a two dollars and a half advance was occasionally made among the fives, and it finally went at one hundred and forty dollars to Mrs. Isaiah Atkins. The face of the old clock seemed to smile at the flattering compliment conveyed in the announcement of this figure, as much as to say 'I cost only $60 when brand new,' which was the fact. The other antiques were then sold at varying prices.

"The real estate included 434,091 square feet of land and the old mansion house built in 1769 or thereabouts, and which for modern uses is not worth much. It was anticipations of the future, of prospective values sure to be realized at an early date, not reminiscences of the past of doubtful worth and utility, that animated the bidders at this point of the sale. On it, by the way, was an apple tree which was growing when old John Pierce bought the place, a hundred years ago, and now full of blossoms. The estate was offered, subject to a lease covering about two-thirds of its area, but not the mansion house and lot, the lease to expire Dec. 1, 1874. The terms were cash, $1000 down and the balance in thirty days. It was sold to Mr. Joseph H. Beals, at seven cents per foot, which is less than the assessor's valuation for land in that vicinity. Mr. Beals is connected with the Mt. Bowdoin Land Association, who control upwards of a hundred acres of land lying between this point and Mattapan, along the line of the Hartford and Erie Railroad."

Abstracts of Ancient Deeds.

[The transfers of real estate, mentioned below, occurred mostly during the 18th century. The abstracts of them are brief, and are taken from deeds recorded in the Suffolk (Mass.) Registry office. They are all connected in some way with members of the family, most of whom lived in Dorchester, then in Suffolk County, and a greater part of the land mentioned was therefore in that town. They were not copied for any purpose, beyond the general interest which attaches to such matters, and readers will take them for what they are worth.]

Dec. 31, 1689.—Noah Clapp, of Sudbury, for £46., conveys to John Blake 8½ acres of land at Dorchester Neck, bounded S. by highway; W. by land formerly Hopestill Foster's; N. by the sea; E. by land of Isaac Jones—partly upland, partly meadow.

July 2, 1694.—Samuel Clapp and Hannah his wife, and Hopestill Clapp and wife Susanna, for £100., convey to John Fenno 500 acres of land at Punkapog, with small parcel of meadow adjoining south, bounded N. by a great pond called Punkapog Pond; N. E. by Braintree line; on all other sides by the Indian lands and common lands of Dorchester according to plat taken in 1662.

April, 1701.—Ezra Clapp, Milton, conveys to Ephraim Payson,

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Dorchester, 3 acres of land in Dorchester, in second division of "Cowwalk," called Hill's meadow, bounded E. W. N. and S. by land of William Stoughton.

Oct. 18, 1704.—Ebenezer Clapp, Milton, for £22. and divers goods, conveys to Manasseh Tucker, of Milton, "all my rights of upland, swamp and meadow beyond Lieut. Billing's farm, where he now keeps a publick house of entertainment, and also towards Bridgewater, reserving the cedar swamps that we have formerly used, and the corn lands that are left on the side (which was the right of Nicholas Clapp, father of said Ebenezer, and was allotted to Ebenezer Clapp by order of the Court, upon the division of his father's estate)," said lot of the 12th Division lying near Wrentham in Dorchester bounds, and containing 80 acres, more or less.

Signed by Ebenezer and Elizabeth Clapp.

April 2, 1705.—Edward Clapp, husbandman, Dorchester, and wife Mary, for £106., conveys to Humphrey Atherton, of Dorchester, cordwainer, viz.: "1 All my home lot or plowing land by my dwelling house—2 acres; also right and part in orchard joining said house, which right and part is ½; also salt meadow adjoining, 3 acres, bounded W. by a creek that is between Dorchester and Roxbury, S. by meadow of Nathaniel Clapp, E. by my own land;" also piece of upland, 8 acres at Nuke; also 2 acres salt meadow at Little Neck; also part, share &c., in salt marsh at Broad Creek, Little Neck, 2 acres; also 2½ acres plowing land at mouth of Great Neck, bounded N. and S. by highway; also piece of wood-land, bounded N. by line of Dorchester and Roxbury, S. by land of Desire Clapp; also 4 acres of wood-land near house of John Stiles; also 4 acres at Turtle Brook, bounded E. by fresh meadow of Richard Hawes.

March 27, 1707 —Edward Clapp, for £8., conveys to Ellen Maudesley 15 acres of woodland in 3d division, beyond the 500 acres, bounded S. by Neponset River; N. by line between Roxbury and Dorchester; E. by land of Nathaniel Clapp; W. by land of Edw. Breck and Samuel Rigbee.

May 17, 1707.—Ezra Clapp, Milton, Edward Clapp and Humphrey Atherton, of Dorchester, for £12., convey to Samuel Jones, Sen., Dorchester, 4½ acres, 32 rods of land in Dorchester, bounded E. by meadow of Richard Hawes; N. by land of heirs of George Weeks; S. by land of late Nathaniel Clapp; W. by land of Isaac Humphrey and John Stiles, with timber, trees and wood thereon.

Signed by Ezra and Experience Clapp,
Edward and Mary Clapp,
Humphrey and Elizabeth Atherton.

April 15, 1709 —Edward Clapp, Dorchester, for £124. 3*s*. 4*d*., conveys to Adam Winthrop, land as follows: $80\frac{7}{12}$ acres of upland, at the Great Neck, bounded N. W. & S. E. by land of James Bird; S. W. by marsh of Wm. Taylor and Joseph Blake; N. E. by the sea and flats to the extent of 100 yards towards the sea. Also $2\frac{3}{16}$ acres of marsh, bounded N. by marsh of Ezra Clapp; E. by "my own upland" in part, and part by upland of James Bird; S. by marsh of William Taylor; W. by the bay with the flats down to the channel. Also 2½ acres of plowland, bounded N. by land of James Foster; S. E. by highway leading to the Castle; S. W. by land of Ebenezer

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Clapp; W. by highway leading to James Foster's. Also 2¼ acres of marsh near Pine Island, bounded N. by marsh of Hopestill Humphrey; E. by a creek; S. by marsh of Samuel Wales; W. by the small creek.

Signed by Ebenezer and Mary Clapp.

April 28, 1709.—Ezra Clapp, Milton, yeoman, for £76. 17*s.* 6*d.*, conveys to Adam Winthrop, Esq., Boston, 7⅜ acres of marsh land meadow ground, at the Great Neck at a place called the Nook, bounded N. W. by land of heirs of Isaac Jones; N. E. in part by land of said heirs and part by land of James Bird; S. E. by salt marsh lately Edward Clapp's; S. W. by the bay with the flats lying before the same down to the channel—now in tenure and occupation of John Pearson and Benjamin Tucker.

Signed by Ezra, and mark of Experience his wife.

June 24, 1709.—Edward Clapp, for £30., conveys to his brother-in-law, Joseph Brintnall, Boston, blacksmith, 2½ acres salt marsh in Dorchester on Broad Creek not far from Little Neck, bounded W. by Broad Creek; S. by marsh of Desire Clapp and Samuel Jones; E. by marsh of Joseph Hemenway; N. by marsh of widow Maudesley. Also woodland near line between Roxbury and Dorchester, bounded S. by land of Desire Clapp.

Nov. 9, 1711.—Joseph Parsons, of Northampton, for £50., agrees to build a corn- or grist-mill, for Humphrey Atherton and Jonathan Clapp, where the former mill stood.

Feb. 4, 1712-13.—Robert Clapp and wife Hannah Clapp, of Boston, for £50., convey to John Clarke, of Boston, ½ part of tenement and land, late estate of Samuel Flack, of Boston, shipmaster, bequeathed in his will to his son John Flack and said Hannah Clapp, his daughter, bounded W. by Middle St.; S. and E. by land of said John Clarke; N. by Gallop's Alley; measures on Middle St. 32 feet; 78 feet deep.

July 8, 1715.—Joseph Leeds, for £4., conveys to Ezra Clapp, of Milton, 3 acres of land in Dorchester, bounded N. on Samuel Paul's land; E. on Samuel Robinson's land; S. on David Colson's land; W. on Neponset River.

March 1, 1717.—Samuel Clapp, of the saw-mill lands in Dedham, miller, for £360., conveys to Eben. Healey, 33 acres of land in Dedham.

April 20, 1724.—Ebenezer Clapp, Dorchester, for £50, conveys to Ebenezer Tucker, Milton, salt meadow in Dorchester, being formerly Ezra Clapp's, late of Milton, bounded E. by salt water river leading to Milton landing-place; S. by meadow of Increase Ledbetter; W. by land of Maj. Thos. Tileston; N. by meadow of John Parce.

Signed by Ebenezer and Abigail Clapp.

Dec. 15, 1724.—Nehemiah Clapp, weaver, of Milton, and Ebenezer Clapp, yeoman, of Dorchester, sell to Joseph Trescott lands in undivided lots in Stoughton that fell to or belonged to heirs of Ezra Clapp, of Milton.

Signed by Nehemiah and Lydia Clapp,
Ebenezer and Abigail Clapp.

Dec. 1, 1724.—Jonathan, John, Nathaniel and George Holmes, all of Boston; and Elizabeth Cushing, of Scituate; and Lydia Greenhood, of Rehoboth; and Sarah Salter, of Boston, all grand or great-grandchildren of Capt. Roger Clapp, late of Dorchester, deceased, for £13.,

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release to Ebenezer Clapp, of Dorchester, all estate, right and interest in lands in Stoughton.

Aug. 7, 1725.—James Blake, Hopestill Clapp and Nathaniel Topliff, Deacons of the North Church in Dorchester, for £27., sell to Sarah Clapp, relict widow of Deacon Jonathan Clapp, 2¼ acres of land at Dorchester Neck, bounded N. by road leading towards the Castle; E. by land of Robert Newell; S. by meadow of Ebenezer Clapp; W. by land of Nathaniel Clapp.

Sept. 27, 1727.—Ebenezer Clapp, Stoughton, yeoman, for £123., conveys to Ebenezer Maudesley, weaver, 5 acres of land joining the river that runs from the Iron Works in Stoughton into the foul meadows on the east, and all the upland and swamp-land that lie within the fences, &c Also right in Cedar Swamp in Dorchester New Grant, formerly laid out to his father, late of Milton.

Sept. 9, 1729.—Samuel Clapp, yeoman, Dorchester, for £94., conveys to Sarah Clapp, adm. on estate of her husband, Jonathan, 4½ acres of land at Dorchester Neck, bounded N. by road leading towards Castle William; E. by land of Dea. James Blake; S. by salt water flats; W. by land of town of Dorchester.

Signed by Samuel and Mindwell Clapp.

Nov. 23, 1731.—Ebenezer Sumner and wife Elizabeth (Clapp), of Milton, for £126., convey to Sarah Clapp, of Dorchester, widow of Dea. Jonathan Clapp, 6 acres of land at Little Neck, bounded S. E. by highway leading towards the Castle; N. E. by land of Elijah Danforth and William Tailer, Esq.; N. by salt meadow of widow Patience White, S. Capen, &c.; S. by land of Ebenezer Clapp. Also one-third part of the barn that was "our late father's," Nathaniel Clapp, of Dorchester, near his dwelling-house.

March 10, 1734.—Samuel Clapp, yeoman, and wife Mindwell; Benjamin Clapp, cordwainer, and wife Hannah; Supply Clapp, gentleman; Thomas Bird, tanner, and wife Mary,* all of Dorchester (all except Thomas Bird, children and heirs of Samuel Clapp, late of Dorchester), for £103. 6*s.* 8*d.*, acquit and discharge to their brother, Thomas Clapp, cordwainer, all right and interest in the estate of their father Samuel, grandfather Samuel, and great-grandfather Roger Clapp, in lands in Stoughton.

Nov. 26, 1736.—Sarah, daughter of Dea. Jonathan Clapp, deceased, single, for £225., releases to her brother Jonathan all her right and interest in the estate of her father—housings, buildings, lands, tenements, orchard lands, meadows, marshes, upland, woodland, swamps, commonages and town rights, whether in Dorchester or Stoughton, and all other estate, real or personal.

July 27, 1742.—Sarah Clapp, relict, widow of Jonathan Clapp, yeoman; Jonathan Clapp, yeoman; Noah Clapp, gentleman; David Clapp, yeoman, children and heirs of said Jonathan deceased; for £15., convey to Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., sundry pieces of land in Stoughton.

Aug. 8, 1745.—Stephen Clapp, of Boston, for £375., buys of John

* Mary was omitted among the children of Samuel Clapp (No. 19 of ROGER), in their place on p. 16. She m. Dec. 18, 1718, Thomas Bird, who was Lieutenant, Selectman and Assessor. She was admitted to full communion in the church June 14, 1724, and d. April 6, 1761, in her 62d year. She must have been the oldest of the children.

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Marshall and James Bowdoin, of Boston, dwelling-house and land at south end of Boston, near Milk Street; and September of same year sells same lot to Bowdoin for same sum.

1745.—Stephen Clapp, of Boston, for £375., conveys to James Bowdoin, Esq., dwelling-house and land at south end of Boston, 43 ft. in front and 37 ft. in rear, 80 ft. deep, bounded N. by Milk St.; S. E. and W. by land of T. Atkinson.

Signed by Stephen and Mary Clapp.

Feb. 9, 1746.—Deed of Division between Jonathan and David Clapp, sons of Dea. Jonathan Clapp. Jonathan has $\frac{3}{4}$; David has $\frac{1}{4}$. David's portion is $\frac{1}{2}$ house, above, below and cellar, with equal privilege in way from outward gate; also of the cow-yard, hog-house and hog-pasture, "except a Pairmain Appletree at the easterly end of said Dwelling House." Also 4 acres of land at southerly end of home lot, adjoining dwelling-house, bounded E. by road to burying-ground; S. and W. by land of Jonas Humphrey; N. by stones laid down as bounds from aforesaid road on east side to a corner of land between land of Jonas Humphrey, Thomas Bird and said house lot. As also about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of land and meadow adjoining said 4-acre lot, bounded W. from aforesaid corner against meadow land of Thomas Bird, until, turning at right angles, it comes to north side of lower barn, on home lot, and so including the lower or westerly barn adjoining to a larger barn on said home lot, and so to run from east side of lower barn by stones laid down as bounds until it meets with the northerly bounds of the aforesaid 4 acres. Also about 6 acres meadow at Dorchester Neck, near the dwelling-house and adjoining land of James Foster. Also 2 acres of land at Great Neck, bounded on two sides by land of Richard Withington. Also $\frac{1}{4}$ of Dea. Jonathan's pasture at Little Neck.

April 18, 1747.—Gillam Tailer, physician; William Tailer, merchant; Abigail, Rebecca and Sarah Tailer, spinsters; heirs of Hon. Wm. T. Tailer, of Dorchester, for £110., convey to Ebenezer Clapp, Jr., of Dorchester, tanner, 9 acres salt marsh near Little Neck, bounded N. W. by the great causeway, so called, leading to Dorchester Neck; N. E. by a way leading from said causeway to the meadow on east side of said Little Neck; S. E. by marsh of Nathaniel and Roger Clapp; S. W. by the little creek that parts between the premises and salt marsh of John Robinson.

May 9, 1755.—Jonathan Clapp, yeoman; Noah Clapp, gentleman; David Clapp, cordwainer; Hopestill Leeds, yeoman; for £40., quitclaim to Barnard Capen all interest in lands, houses, yards, garden, &c. &c., which they may have in the estate belonging to Joseph Capen, late of Dorchester (he being the only son and heir of Barnard Capen), or any estate which may have fallen to said Joseph in Dorchester or Stoughton.

May 20, 1755.—David Clapp, of Dorchester, for £99., conveys to his brother, Noah Clapp, the easterly half of the dwelling-house lately belonging to Dea. Jonathan, their father, both above and below, viz.: the garret chamber, lower room, and the easterly kitchen, as also the easterly half of the cellar under the said dwelling-house; with an equal privilege and improvement of the way from the outward gate to and about the said dwelling-house; as also of the cow-yard and hog-pasture,

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so called; as also of the lower or westerly part of the barn, with a way to said part of the barn; also 4½ acres of land near said dwelling-house, partly orchard, partly tillage, and partly meadow, bounded E. partly by land of Jonathan Clapp, and partly by road or way passing by the burying-place; S. by land of Jonas Humphrey and Thomas Bird; N. by land of Jonathan aforesaid.

March 20, 1758.—William Tailer, merchant, Dorchester, for £333. 6*s.* 8*d.*, conveys to Sylvester Gardner, physician, Boston, his mansion house and 2 acres of land enclosed; bounded W. by Green lane; S. by way to Rocky Hill; E. by Pond's orchard, so called; N. by Howard's orchard. Also Howard's orchard—4 acres, bounded N. by land of Jacob Royall Esq.; W. by Green lane; S. in part by aforesaid land, and in part by a yard; E. by Pond's orchard. Also Pond's orchard—4½ acres, bounded N. by land of said Royall; E by land of Preserved Baker; S. by road to Rocky Hill. Also 1½ acres of Hill Pasture, bounded E. by road; S. by land of Gillam Tailer, deceased; N. by land of Thomas Kilton; W. by heirs of Jonathan Jones. All of the above clear of any encumbrance, except a mortgage of £100 to Christopher Minot.

March 4, 1760.—Sylvester Gardner for $67. 11*d.* conveys to William Tailer same lots mentioned above with same bounds, &c.*

July 31, 1766.—Thomas Oliver, Dorchester, for £640., conveys to Ebenezer and Lemuel Clapp, tanners, five lots, viz.: orchard lot with great barn, clover lot, pasture lot, meadow lot and marsh, bounded S. by land of said Thomas Oliver, running on the north side of his house to a stake in the ground, thence measures 55 feet from road, thence running E. to another stake on Zebediah Williams's line; E. by land of said Zebediah Williams, running north down on marsh; N. on marsh of John Robinson; W. by great causeway and highroad leading up from Dorchester Neck.

Oct. 11, 1766.—Abner and Hannah Clapp, Dorch., for £30., convey to Ebenezer Clapp 10 acres of land and swamp near dwelling-house of Eben. Blake, bounded N. W. partly by land of heirs of Nath'l Clapp, partly by land of Roger Clapp, and partly by land of said Eben. Clapp; N. E. by land of John Capen; S. E. partly by land of said John Capen and Eben. Blake; S. W. by land of Samuel Peirce.—With consent of his honored mother, Mindwell, widow of Samuel Clapp, also consent of Selectmen.

March 3, 1779.—Ebenezer Clapp, for £100, conveys to Rev. Moses Everett 1½ acre of land, bounded W. by land of David Clapp; S. by land of Gillam Tailer; N. and E. by highway—with all walls, fences and trees.

May 3, 1779.—John Clapp, Dorchester, cordwainer, and Hannah his wife, in her right, for £600, convey to James Cary, gunsmith, Boston, land adjoining Ann st., Boston, measuring W. 19 ft. on Ann st.; N. 224 ft on land of Sam. Hichborn to low water mark; E. on the sea 19 ft., with all the flats.

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* Some portion of this land was subsequently again in the hands of the Gardner family. Dr. Henry Gardner, son of Hannah Clapp (No. 214 of Nicholas), was the owner of the tract of land bounded W. by what is now Savin Hill ave. (supposed to be "Green lane"), and S. by Pleasant st. ("way to Rocky Hill"), up to a comparatively recent period, his mansion house being on the opposite side of Pleasant st, where it still stands, in possession of his son ex-Gov. Henry J. Gardner.

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March 1, 1781.—David Clapp, for £45, conveys to Ebenezer Clapp 4 acres of upland near the dwelling-house of said David C., bounded S. E. by land of said David C.; S. W. by land of heirs of William Holden, Esq.; N E. by land of said Ebenezer; N. W. by road leading to Boston.

June 20, 1781.—Noah Clapp and others, a committee to sell town lands, for £9. 8*s*., convey to Ebenezer Clapp, gentleman, of Dorchester, ½ acre of land near Powow Point, left, as appears by town records, "for creatures to stand about the well, as the watering-place was called," bounded E. and N. by land of said Ebenezer; N. W. and S. by land of John Hawes,—reserving right "for people that improve said Neck to drive their creatures there to water at any time and letting them stand there."

May 13, 1782.—Ebenezer Clapp, Esq.; Lemuel Clapp, Esq.; Henry Humphrey, tanner, and Abigail, his wife; Noah Clapp, gentleman, and Ann, his wife; Timothy Tileston, housewright, and Hannah, his wife, all of Dorchester, for £166. 13*s*. 4*d* quitclaim to John Hawes, of Dorchester, yeoman, and Sarah Clapp, Jr., of Dorchester, widow of Elisha Clapp, late of Dorchester, all right and interest in estate, real or personal, of said Elisha Clapp.

July 2, 1782.—David Clapp, for £30 conveys to William Allen, gentleman, ¾ acre of land "near my dwelling-house," bounded N. W. by land of Aaron Bird; N. E. by land of said William Allen; S. E. and S. W. by public roads.

June 13, 1787.—Ezra Clapp, for £67., conveys to Samuel and Ezekiel Bird 1½ acres of English mowing land, bounded N. by road leading to Boston; E. by land of Ezra Clapp; S. by land of Noah Clapp; W. by land of Samuel and Ezekiel Bird.

Feb. 13, 1792.—David Clapp, for £5. 3*s*. conveys to Moses Everett ½ acre and 3 rods land on Northerly side of Jones's Hill, bounded N. W. by land of heirs of David Clapp; S. by land belonging to said Everett and Elisha and Lydia Davenport; E. by land of Joseph Henderson, Esq., and said Everett.

INDIVIDUALS BEARING THE NAME OF CLAPP, NOT IDENTIFIED.

The following list of persons bearing the family name has been taken from town records and other sources, the individuals of which cannot with any certainty be considered as identical with those of the same christian name already mentioned in the Memorial. The reader has the privilege of recognizing any of the names on the list and of placing them, if so recognized, where they properly belong in the preceding record. As there is an uncertainty with regard to the names of females, whether they were widows or born in the family, their names and the names of their husbands will not be given in the Index:

AARON CLAPP's wife, Mary B., died in Northampton, Oct. 13, 1841.

ALBERT CLAPP, of Everett, m. Annie Caroline Spalding, October, 1873, and live in Marblehead.

ANNAH CLAPP, of Norton, and Jonathan Ingley, of Taunton, published April 12, 1774.

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BELINDA CLAPP, of Southampton, m. James Otis, who was b. in 1746.

BETTY CLAPP m. Lazarus Barrel, March 19, 1789, both of Scituate.

CATHARINE CLAPP m. March 1, 1826, Timothy Edwards, in Northampton.

CHARLES CLAPP m. Feb. 3, 1789, Betty Nash, both of Scituate.

CHARLES CLAPP m. Dec. 30, 1790, Rachel Nichols, both of Scituate.

CHARLES S. CLAPP m. Nov. 1, 1841, Sevilla Cutter, who was b. Feb. 13, 1817. They reside in Bennington, Vt. Children: i. *Marshall N.*, born in Northampton, Mass., March 8, 1843; m. June 4, 1865. ii. *Jane Sevilla*, b. in Winchester, N. H., Feb. 5, 1845; m. Oct. 18, 1865, Mr. Williams. iii. *Mary Lucinda*, b. in Keene, N. H., Nov. 6, 1846; m. April 6, 1866, Mr. Morton. iv. *Josephine Augusta*, b. Nov. 20, 1848. v. *Kate Maria*, b. May 3, 1850. vi. *Charles Andrews*, b. in Bennington, Vt., July 9, 1856.

ELIJOR CLAPP is witness to a will in Scituate in 1661.

ELIZABETH CLAPP m. Sept. 7, 1772, John Cudworth, great-great-grandson of the celebrated Gen. James Cudworth, a freeman of Scituate in 1634.

JOB CLAPP, b. in Wendell, N. H., July 24, 1788. Anna his dau. m. Seth Peck, son of Henry and Anna (Richardson) Peck (Peck Gen., p. 171).

LOUISA CLAPP m. Nov. 25, 1819, Asahel Wood, in Northampton.

LUCY CLAPP m. Feb. 19, 1795, Benj. Stetson, both of Scituate.

LUCY CLAPP m. Jan. 3, 1830, Caleb Cook in Northampton.

LUCY ELLA CLAPP, of Easton, m. Webster Howard, of No. Bridgewater, b. Jan. 29, 1838, a member of Co. F, 12th Mass. Reg't.

LUTHER L. CLAPP, of Chesterfield, m. Aug. 31, 1837, Hannah Jackson.

MARGARET CLAPP, Boston, m. Benjamin Dyer, of Boston, who was b. 1701, and lived in Connecticut.

MINDWELL CLAPP, m. Oct. 6, 1785, in Northampton, Job White.

MORRIS CLAPP d. Oct. 16, 1869, aged 69, in New York State, having been a resident of the same county there for fifty years.

NAHUM CLAPP, of Easton, m. Amanda Wade, of No. Bridgewater, b. Dec. 25, 1835.

OLIVER CLAPP d. at Louisburg, in the expedition to Cape Breton, Aug. 30, 1745.

OLIVER CLAPP d. in Mansfield, Sept. 19, 1853, aged 82½ years.

OTIS W. CLAPP m. in New York, Nov. 20, 1848, Marion L., only dau. of Hon. Geo. Briggs, of New York.

PATTY CLAPP m. June 19, 1786, in Northampton, Justus Lyman.

PATTY CLAPP (negro) m. May 28, 1795, Fruitful Sylvester (negro), both of Scituate.

ROGER CLAPP m. July 17, 1791, Peggy Hayden, both of Scituate.

SALLY CLAPP m. April 19, 1802, Samuel Ford, both of Abington.

SALLY CLAPP m. Oct. 12, 1808, Cassender Cary, b. Aug. 15, 1782, of No. Bridgewater.

SAMUEL F. CLAPP d. in Northampton, Sept. 30, 1838.

SUSAN A. CLAPP m. May 11, 1841, in Northampton, Theodore G. Dexter.

THOMAS CLAPP m. May 11, 1794, Emily Stockbridge, both of Scituate.

WILLIAM CLAPP, petitioner from Falmouth, Me., with others, to Legislature in 1718, for regulation of affairs, &c.

Capt. CLAPP sailed Aug. 30, 1755, for Falmouth, to take in Capt. Ingals and his Co., and then proceed to Albany, with 50 bbls. pork and 100 bbls. merchandise, &c.—"I got to Albany the 7th October [1755]. Went on board Capt. Clapp's sloop which sailed that day for Boston."—*Journal of Josiah Walton.*

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ADDENDA.

In order that the readers of the Memorial may have the benefit of all available knowledge of the family history, the latest received material is here introduced as the present finale to the work.

January, 1876.

Sereno[5] (No. 342 of Roger).—He was a blacksmith, and lived and died in Northampton. His wife d. May 30, 1845.

Children of Sereno and Lydia Moore (Patterson) Clapp:

1. *A dau.*,[6] b. July 21, 1802; d. July 23, 1802.
2. *Dexter*,[6] b. June 4, 1803; d. Dec. 20, 1806.
3. *Caroline*,[6] b. April 8, 1805; m. Sept. 6, 1831, Michael Williams, and had 9 children. She is still living in Northampton; her children, 3 sons and 6 daughters, are all alive, the youngest 27 years of age.
4. *William Dexter*,[6] b. Dec. 5, 1806; d. Feb. 13, 1868; a farmer, and lived in Williamsburg; m. Oct. 31, 1832, Nancy P. Pomeroy, who d. Feb. 11, 1872. Chil.: i. *Ellen Augusta*,[7] b. June 7, 1833. ii. *William Pomeroy*,[7] b. July 4, 1835; his name was changed by Act of Legislature to William Clapp Pomeroy. iii. *Julia Elizabeth*,[7] b. June 20, 1838. iv. *Sereno Sidney*,[7] b. March 18, 1840; he enlisted in the 31st Reg't Mass. Vols. in October, 1861, and d. from disease contracted in the service, Oct. 27, 1863. v. *Franklin Clark*,[7] b. Nov. 20, 1843. vi. *Caroline Lydia*,[7] b. June 4, 1848.
5. *Charles Sylvester*,[6] b. Nov. 15, 1810; d. Sept. 1, 1872. He was a carpenter, and lived and died in Northampton. He m. April 5, 1836, Dorcas E. Clark. Chil.: i. *George C.*,[7] b. June 4, 1839. ii. *Charles Henry*,[7] b. July 8, 1845; d. June 19, 1871. iii. *Albert Flavel*,[7] b. July 27, 1850; d. March 31, 1852.
6. *Sidney Strong*,[6] b. Dec. 23, 1811; d. May 28, 1815.
7. *Sidney Sereno*,[6] b. Nov. 21, 1816; d. Sept. 11, 1863. He was a harness maker, and removed to Providence, R. I., where he died. He m., Jan. 24, 1847, Caroline Patterson, and had: i. *Charles Flavel*,[7] b. April 19, 1848. ii. *Caroline Lydia*,[7] b. April 24, 1855; d. Feb. 7, 1865.

Jonathan[4] (No. 606 of Roger).—He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1809, and died in about a year afterwards, while serving in Michigan against the Indians. He had just been promoted at the time of his death.

Joshua[4] (No. 456 of Thomas).—He married a second time and had three sons by his second wife: i. *James A.*[7] ii. *Aaron W.*[7] iii. *Zalmon.*[7]

Joel[7] (No. 133 of Nicholas).—He died in Claremont, N. H., not as stated in the text. Of his children: i. *Charles B.*,[8] m. Mercy Swan, of Gardner,

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Me. iii. *Harriet E.*,[8] m. William S. Baker, of Dunham, Canada. iv. *Julia A.*,[8] m. Caleb Stevens, of Pittston, Me. v. *Amelia G.*,[8] m. William Moore, of New York, and d. at Huntington, L. I., in 1872. vi. *George P.*,[8] m. Desier A. Pryer, of New York.

PETER[8] (SUPPLEMENT—p. 375).—He m. first, Sarah Gaudinier, who d. about 1848; m. second, Ruth Turner, who d. about 1856.

Children of PETER and 1st wife SARAH (Gaudinier) CLAPP of Wallaceburg, Canada:

1. *James*,[9] b. about 1822; has been an invalid from childhood, and is now living in Florida with a sister.
2. *Catharine*,[9] b. about 1824; d. about 1866; m. Robert Beattie, and lived in Chatham, Ont., Canada.
3. *Deborah*,[9] b. in 1826; m. William Emerson, and now live in Florida.
4. *John*,[9] b. in 1828; left home, and has not since been heard from by the family.
5. *Samuel*,[9] enlisted in the Union army in the War of the Rebellion, and never returned to his home—nothing known of his fate.
6. *Elizabeth*,[9] b. in 1832; m. Mr. Wilson, and is now living a widow in Michigan.
7. *Arvilla*,[9] b. in 1834; m. Sidney Granger, and now live in Florida.
8. *Mary*,[9] b. in 1836; m. Thomas Still, and live in Chatham, Ontario.
9. *William*,[9] d. in childhood.
10. *Albert*,[9] b. in 1840; he enlisted in the Union Army in the War of the Rebellion; he is now living in British Columbia.

Children of PETER and 2d wife RUTH (Turner) CLAPP:

11. *Peter*,[9] b. about 1852; d. in 1870.
12. *Ann*,[9] d. in childhood.
13. *Angeline*,[9] b. in 1855; m. Walter Herrington, and live near Memphis, Michigan.

Mention was made on pages 385 and 386 of the sale of an estate in Dorchester which originally belonged in part to some of the Clapps, and finally came into possession of Samuel B. Pierce. This land was situated North and West of what is now Harvard Street, not far westerly from the place which for many years has been called the Four Corners, and in all of the old deeds was referred to as part of the "Cow-walk." William T. Carlton, Esq., of Dorchester, whose familiarity with the early history of the town and with the residences of its first settlers is well known, has drawn up a chart of six lots of the first and second divisions of the Cow-walk, with the names of those to whom these were set apart. As laid out in this chart, the lots are as follows: In the first division, lot No. 15, 3 acres, is to Barnaby Fower; No. 16, 10a. 2q. 26r. to Mr. Clark; No. 17, 3a. 1q. 16r. to Richard Hawes; No. 18, 3a. 1q. 1r. to Augustin Clement; No. 19, 20a. 2q. 23r. to Edward Clapp, George Way, Roger Clapp, Nicholas Clapp and George Weeks. In the second division, lot No. 1 was granted to Mr. Evans. All these lots, making 40 or more acres, became the farm of Deacon Hopestill Clapp before 1695, his house being near the south-west corner of the five lots in the first division, and near the present house of Charles H. Greenwood on Harvard Street. The portion of lot 19 which belonged to Capt. Roger was left in his will to his son Deacon Hopestill, as printed on page 7 of this Memorial, and the rest of these forty acres probably came into the latter's possession by purchase. One Merrifield it is supposed at one time lived on this farm and carried it on,

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as mention is made, in the ancient records, of the Deacon being notified by the Selectmen that he was entertaining a stranger without the requisite permission from the authorities of the town. The subsequent changes in the ownership of the farm, as gathered by Mr. Carlton from old records and his own knowledge, have been as follows, mostly stated in his own words:

1695.—Road laid out (now Harvard St.) from corner south-east of Mr. Clapp's land now junction of School and Harvard Streets. "Committee met on land * * * have laid out the way through Dea. Clapp's land from Deacon Clapp's Barn outward * * * south side of fence of Ebenezer Holmes * * * the way comes full into the way formerly laid out [that way was discontinued after the Turnpike was built]—we have agreed with Dea. Clapp for three pounds for the way contains it being one acre." [Note—This one acre was cut off from lot No. 1 of the second division, commencing here and extending to the river.]

1715.—Dea. (or Elder) Hopestill Clapp makes his will (he dies in 1719). The witnesses thereto resided in this vicinity, the above-mentioned Ebenezer Holmes being one of them. He left the bulk of his property to his son Hopestill. This included, with lands elsewhere, the Clapp lot No. 19, and the others supposed to be added by purchase.

1748.—Hopestill Clapp makes his will, the witnesses residing in this vicinity, one of whom Dea. Abijah White, his neighbor, owning and living in the same house where Ebenezer Holmes resided, who had witnessed his father's will. He (Hopestill) died in 1759, leaving the bulk of his property to his nephew, Dea. Richard Hall, including the house Hopestill inherited from his father and which he had rebuilt.*

1753.—Daniel Wiswall married Sarah, the daughter of Dea. Richard Hall.

1761.—Dea. Richard Hall conveys to his son-in-law Daniel Wiswall, *half an acre* and thirty rods of land for the sum of £5. 6*s*. 8*d*.

1767.—Daniel Wiswall, wife Sarah, mortgages to Gov. James Bowdoin "Half an acre and thirty rods of land with house and buildings thereon where I now live." [Note—A house was therefore built on this land, doubtless by Wiswall, between the years 1761 and 1767, being the one still standing on the junction of what are now Harvard and School Streets, owned by the late Samuel B. Pierce, and included in the sale of 1873.] This mortgage was cancelled in 1773 by Bowdoin.

1769.—Mrs. Wiswall I suppose died soon after the completion of the house, as her father this year makes his will, in which he provides for the children of his daughter Wiswall; and in

1773,—Daniel Wiswall is married again and living in Charlestown, for this year Daniel Wiswall of that place, wife Lydia, "conveys to John Pierce, Jr., one half an acre and thirty rods, West and Northerly by Richard Hall, East and Southerly on road leading from the Four Corners to Dea. Abijah White's, conveyed to me by Richard Hall Feb. 21, 1761, together with Dwelling house, Barn and all other buildings thereon." This year Mr. Pierce occupies the house, and his son John (Rev. John, formerly minister at Brookline, Mass.) was born therein the same year. On the death of Dea. Richard Hall, all the rest of the property formerly his uncle Clapp's, on road to Four Corners (except the lot above sold to Wiswall, and the lot No. 1 in second division which he gave, as a marriage portion, to his daughter Mary, who married Deacon Topliff), he left to his son Hopestill Hall, who resided on the farm.

1779.—John Pierce buys (the rest of the land owned by him and his son

* The house of the above Deacons Clapp was demolished in 1874—a new street passing over the old well and site of cellar. I examined it whilst it was being taken down. The frame was all of oak and chestnut. The original house had either been remodelled or taken down (probably the latter); but it was reconstructed with most of the old timber, as the old mortise holes witnessed. The cellar or most of it evidently belonged to the house first built. I have a sketch of the house. W. T. C.

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Samuel B. so many years) of Hopestill Hall, the balance of his farm, making, with the above purchase from Wiswall, about ten acres.

And about this time Hopestill Hall sells to Gov. Bowdoin about ten acres, bounded Easterly by Mr. Pierce and Southerly on the road to the Four Corners (Harvard St.). About 1824, these ten acres were purchased by one Faxon, and they are still in possession of his family.

Up to this time, we have about twenty acres sold out of the square lot belonging originally to the Clapps.

1800,—Or later, Hopestill Hall sold to the father of the late Captain Ebenezer Eaton, a small piece, perhaps a third of an acre, in the south-west corner of the original lot near the house, and next to Dea. Abijah White's. This was afterwards bought by Artemas Greenwood.

1834.—Mr. Samuel B. Pierce came into possession of the house, &c. and the (about) ten acres of land, his father's purchase from Wiswall and Hall.

John Hall was the last of the stock from Deacons Hopestill, who owned the land, and it passed out of the family in about

1840,—When the remaining (about forty acres) was purchased by Artemas Greenwood.

1850,—Or thereabout, some two acres or more was taken for the road bed of the Boston, Hartford & Erie (afterwards Midland, now New England) Railroad; about an equal quantity from that part of the land belonging to the Faxon heirs, and that of Artemas Greenwood.

1873.—Mr. Charles H. Greenwood, the heir of Artemas Greenwood, sold a portion of his father's purchase to Mr. Joseph H. Beals, who laid it out for house lots, and built a street running over the cellar and well of the old Clapp house to Blue Hill Avenue.

1873.—In May of this year, the house and land of Samuel B. Pierce were sold, he having died, to Joseph H. Beals, who being unable to make payment in accordance with his agreement with the executor of Mr. Pierce's estate, they were sold to the Boston Coöperative Building Association, who have laid out streets and erected several buildings thereon.

1876.—Present owners of the Clapp Farm are: Boston Coöperative Building Association, Faxon Heirs, New England Railroad Co., Charles H. Greenwood, and a Land Co.

Mr. Carlton adds, as a matter of interest at least to the members of the family, that there is still standing near the Pierce house referred to, a russet apple tree, in bearing condition, that he has no doubt was set there by the earliest cultivator or clearer of the land, the first Deacon Hopestill Clapp. Mr. S. B. Pierce, who, as already stated, died over 90 years of age, used to say that it was an old tree when he was a boy, and that he often asked his father why he did not cut it down.

ERRATA.

Page 275, 14th line from bottom.—"Francis" should be *Frances*.
Page 338, 24th line.—"1865" should be 1863.
Page 350, 12th line.—"1788" should be 1778.
Page 361, 8th line.—"Hldrs" should be *holdrs*.
Page 365, 21st line.—"Neck-gate Hill" should be in double quotation marks; and a single quotation mark should be inserted after "common," in 31st line. Also in 8th line from bottom, "Jonathan Pierce" should be *Jonathan Blake*.
Page 389, 4th line.—"Ebenezer" should be *Edward*.

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"7 mo. 12, 1690, John Clapp, ye son of John Clapp, was born about 11hr P. M., or nere midnight, in the town of Flushing upon Long Island, and was baptized by Doct. Innis ye 18 day of ye same month. Simon Ray, his uncle. Sarah Willet, gossip.

[Subscribed.] NATHANIEL HUMPHEYS.
October ye 6, 1690."

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CLAPP FAMILY MEETING.

INTRODUCTORY.

In the year 1858, several members of the Clapp Family in Boston, impressed with the desirableness of assembling together as many of the name and lineage as could be induced to meet in one place, made an effort to bring about such a gathering in the town of Dorchester, the venerated home of their first American progenitors. At a meeting of these individuals, several of whom were on the Boston Committee for the Family Gathering of 1870, it was unanimously voted to invite the Rev. Theodore Clapp, of New Orleans, to deliver an Address on the occasion proposed. On account of the state of his health, to their great regret he declined, in a very friendly and appropriate letter, dated Oct. 8, 1858. They subsequently invited the Rev. George Putnam, D.D., of Roxbury, Mass., a lineal descendant on the maternal side, who after taking the matter into consideration, declined, in a letter of May 13, 1859. The Rev. Dr. Furness, of Philadelphia, also a member of the family, likewise declined the invitation. Soon after the time last mentioned, several of the aged and more prominent men of the name in Dorchester died, which served to throw discouragement on the efforts for the contemplated meeting.

Another obstacle in the way, was the want of suitable accommodations in the town named, for the numerous progeny whom it was hoped would congregate around their ancestral homestead and near the sepulchres of their fathers. The effort was therefore abandoned for the time-being—but not forgotten.

Early the present year a desire for a similar family gathering sprung up in the minds of some of the Connecticut River kindred. Other families, of different names, but of the same old Puritan stock, had recently met

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together, and accounts of their fraternal and joyous greetings had excited in the community generally an increased love of ancestry and kindred, and encouraged the effort for other family re-unions. Mr. Joel T. and Mr. Moses Clapp, of Southampton, Mass., first conferred together with regard to calling a meeting of the Clapp Family somewhere in that neighborhood. A consultation was held with others in the vicinity, several meetings were convened, and a Committee of twelve from various towns was appointed to consider the whole subject. This Committee was afterwards enlarged, and comprised the following persons:

William D. Clapp, William R. Clapp, Charles C. Clapp, Henry S. Gere, *Northampton;* Joel Taylor Clapp, Moses Clapp, Stephen D. Clapp, Jr., *Southampton;* R. Wright Clapp, *Westhampton;* Theodore Clapp, William N. Clapp, Lewis Clapp, A. S. Ludden, *Easthampton;* Dr. H. W. Clapp, E. M. Clapp, *Westfield;* Rev. Lewis F. Clark, *Whitinsville;* Franklin Clapp, Elnathan Graves, *Williamsburg;* Sylvanus Clapp, *Pawtucket, R. I.;* James H. Clapp, *Belchertown;* Robinson Clapp, *Holyoke;* Otis, Ebenezer, David, William, William Warland, and John Codman Clapp, *Boston;* Lewis Clapp, *Lee Centre, Ill.;* Dr. A. B. Clapp, *Aurelius, N. Y.;* Rev. Luther Clapp, *Wauwatosa, Wis.;* Russel Clapp, *Swan Township, Ind.;* Seth C. Clapp, *Princeton, Ill;* Caleb Clapp, *Hartford, Conn.;* Spencer Clapp, *Windsor, Conn.;* George M. Clapp, *Newburgh, N. Y.*

LAFAYETTE CLAPP, *Secretary.*

At a meeting, March 3d, it was voted expedient to call the proposed family gathering. A correspondence had taken place with some of the name in Boston, who were invited to meet at Easthampton with their western kindred, and confer upon the best method of carrying out the plan; and at an adjourned meeting held on the 18th of April, Messrs. Ebenezer and Otis Clapp, of Boston, were accordingly present. At that meeting, a Sub-Committee on Speakers was appointed, consisting of Ebenezer, Otis and William N. Clapp. Also a Committee on Place of Meeting, consisting of Moses, Charles C., Dr. H. W., Lewis, and Oliver N. Clapp. A Committee of Invitation was also chosen: viz., Theodore and Lafayette Clapp, of Easthampton, and H. W. Clapp, of Westfield, who issued a general circular to the family and its connections. A Committee was afterwards appointed on the Collation, as follows:—Theodore and Lewis Clapp of Easthampton, William D. and William R. Clapp of Northampton, and Joel Taylor Clapp of Southampton. These various Committees made arrangements which resulted in the choice of the Agricultural Grounds in Northampton as the place, and the 24th of August as the time of holding the proposed meeting; and also in securing the services of the Hon. Almon M. Clapp, of

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Washington, D. C., as President of the Day, and of the Rev. Alexander H. Clapp, D.D., of New York City, as Orator for the occasion.

On the 20th of July, notice was sent out by the Boston Committee, of a meeting of all interested, to be held at the house of Mr. William Clapp, in Boston, on the 1st of August. At that meeting, the following gentlemen were appointed to make arrangements for railroad conveyance of all who might wish to go from Boston and its vicinity: viz., Otis, William, Eugene H., Lemuel and Charles M. Clapp. This Committee made an agreement on favorable terms with the Boston & Albany and the Connecticut River Railroads to convey the party to and from the place of meeting; also with the proprietors of Haynes's Hotel, in Springfield, for accommodations the first night, and issued a circular, containing the necessary information, dated August 18th.

On the 24th, a party of more than one hundred left Boston in the afternoon, and reached Springfield early in the evening. After tea, a social gathering was held in the spacious parlors of the hotel, at which were present, besides the Boston and Dorchester party, many of the Connecticut River and other members of the family, some of them from distant parts of the country.

Of this meeting, none who were present will consider any terms of praise too extravagant. One of the reporters present speaks of "the cordiality, good fellowship and freedom from formality which marked the assemblage." Another says, "The rooms presented quite a busy scene, filled with the young and old, their faces beaming with smiles as they greeted old acquaintances, and added fraternal links to the chain of friendship." A prominent member of the family who was present, writes, since his return home, "I shall not, during all my earthly pilgrimage, forget the delightful season spent with friends at Springfield and Northampton. It will long be remembered among the most delightful scenes of my life. It was good to be there." Another writes, from his distant residence, "We are highly pleased that we had sense enough to accept the invitation to this most happy and interesting gathering, which gave us so much pleasure, and which will be remembered and alluded to, in coming years, as one of the most agreeable incidents of our lives. I say *we*, for my wife enjoyed the whole affair as much as any one, and has proved herself to have the qualities which, I think, make some of the Clapps clever people. I hope my good Dorchester friends will be willing to admit her into full communion as an una-

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bridged, unmitigated Clapp." Another, a lady not so far from the old ancestral home, writes, "Gathered together for the first time under one roof, and meeting various branches from other and distant points, it was a most interesting and delightful occasion. Dear to all our hearts will be the memory of this our first family re-union. The spacious rooms were thronged with young and old—some were acquaintances and friends, but most were strangers to each other. Some were brought together once more whom scores of years had separated, and many a warm and cordial grasp of the hand was exchanged. Some who had known each other by name only, here met face to face. Others, whose homes were perhaps in the same city or town, knew of each other here for the first time. Thus by the strengthening of old acquaintance, and the formation of new and kindlier feelings towards all, both friends and strangers, the bond of brotherhood was made stronger. And then our thoughts almost instinctively went back to the past—to good old Roger Clap and his brethren. What would he say to us here to-night—to us his children even to the eighth generation—thus brought together in the midst of the knowledge, prosperity and cultivation that belong to our age and country? And would he not have found that a feeling of veneration existed beneath the cheerful, social spirit of this family band? It *was* this spirit of fond remembrance of the Past, and of our fathers who lived in it, that penetrated and pervaded the happy meeting. It was this that brightened the countenance of each towards all, and joined them indeed into one brotherly kindred. At its close there was a solemnity amounting almost to awe, as with one accord the social festival was succeeded by the music and song of Auld Lang Syne; and higher still both thought and feeling were carried up in a hymn of praise to Him who presides over all the families of the earth, and has watched over and blessed our house and lineage for these long generations."

Among the interesting incidents of the evening was the passing around for inspection of several old relics of the family. Deacon Ebenezer Clapp, of Dorchester, showed a watch whose history was told by the following inscription on parchment inside:—

This watch was the property of Rev. Nathaniel Clapp, of Newport, R. I., who was born in 1668, and died in 1745, aged 77 years. At his death it was valued at twenty pounds—$88.80.

Derastus Clapp also exhibited a copper plate for printing clock dials, which had been the property of his grandfather, Preserved Clapp. It is a fine specimen of engraving, and was probably executed in England.

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On the morning of the 24th, the party from Boston, with others resident in Springfield and its vicinity and from more distant places, were conveyed over the Connecticut River Railroad to Northampton, and by means of omnibuses and other conveyances soon reached the grounds of the Hampshire County Agricultural Society. The large hall of the Society had been prepared for the occasion, and by 10 o'clock between five and six hundred people had gathered in it. This number was much increased subsequently, till nearly or quite one thousand had collected within the hall or were standing by the open windows outside. Before the exercises began, a paper prepared for the purpose, designed to contain the names, parentage, &c., of those present, was circulated for signatures.

After the meeting had been called to order by THEODORE CLAPP, Esq., of Easthampton, a fervent and impressive Prayer was offered by Rev. CHARLES A. HUMPHREYS, of Springfield, a native of Dorchester, and a lineal descendant of Nicholas Clapp.

The following Hymn, written by Rev. Dr. James Flint for a public occasion many years since, was now sung to the tune of "Old Hundred" by the large audience, nearly all joining in the inspiring strain:—

In pleasant lands have fallen the lines
That bound our goodly heritage,
And safe beneath our sheltering vines
Our youth is blest, and soothed our age.

What thanks, O God, to Thee are due,
That Thou didst plant our fathers here;
And watch and guard them as they grew,
A vineyard, to the Planter dear.

The toils they bore, our ease have wrought;
They sowed in tears—in joy we reap;
The birthright they so dearly bought
We'll guard, till we with them shall sleep.

Thy kindness to our fathers shown,
In weal and wo, through all the past,
Their grateful sons, O God, shall own,
While here their name and race shall last.

The assembly was then addressed by WILLIAM D. CLAPP, Esq., of Northampton, in the following words of welcome:—

To all here present who bear the honored name of Clapp, or who are either directly or remotely connected with the lineage, we bring, this morning, words of cordial welcome. Pride of birth, of race, of lineage, may be one of the frailties and foibles of human nature, but so it is at least a pardonable weakness.

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Ridicule as we may the chivalrous sentiment that takes note of and holds in high honor a genealogy that runs back through successive generations into the centuries of the past, in a greater or less degree to that sentiment we are all loyal, and it is the inspiring motive that has led to this goodly gathering to-day.

We are not so presumptuous as to claim descent from lords or thrones, though, for aught we know, could some "Old Mortality" unveil the lost records of the past, our line might perchance be found to be crossed by royal blood. However that may be, we are proud of our ancestors and our history. The main progenitors of the race have left a noble record of their days. They have left their impress on the sands of time. We cherish their memory to-day, and are glad that so many of our name are now here. We are proud of our descent, and we have an interest in the good deeds of our ancestors, which give us a right to be proud of them and regard them with high honor.

In issuing our call for this first gathering of the family, we have, in the language of Scripture, said "to the North, Give up! and to the South, Keep not back; bring my sons from far and my daughters from the ends of the earth."

Right nobly have you responded to the call, and to-day we greet friends massed from all parts of the country.

In conclusion, he said he extended to them the right hand of fellowship. The time was theirs, sacred to the past, and he knew they would properly improve it. If they might judge by the proof there to-day, the race was not likely soon to die out.

The Hon. ALMON M. CLAPP, of Washington, D. C., was then introduced, and spoke as follows:—

KINDRED AND FRIENDS:

YOU have honored me over-much upon this occasion, and in responding to this expression of your wish and esteem, I will appropriate a sentence from the late lamented and martyred Lincoln, when he was honored with a re-nomination for the Presidency: "I will neither conceal my gratification nor restrain the expression of my gratitude" that this large gathering of my kindred and blood should have deemed me not unworthy to preside over your deliberations. In accepting this high honor, I am impressed with emotions that are not readily expressed in language. In consideration of this mark of your partiality, I am led incontinently to inquire, why, when all New England teems with the name and blood of our ancestors, am I selected for this honor? Why is a mere nomad of the race—one whose *pater familias* isolated him from the scenes of his New England nativity even in the hours of his childhood, and whose lot has been cast towards the setting sun during most of the remainder of his days, now selected for this distinctive honor? My friends, in seeking a solution of this problem, I am led to attribute your kind action either to that high toned spirit of courtesy which has characterized the people of New England since the feet of

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our ancestors first pressed its soil; or to that noble Christian prompting of the human heart, which, according to holy tradition, sacrificed the fatted calf when the prodigal son returned to the paternal roof after a period of protracted and painful separation. Let the prompting influence of your action be what it may, I am not insensible to the honor conferred, or to the responsibilities that follow in its train.

It may not be improper, my friends, to tender hearty thanks to that representative of our scattered family who conceived the happy thought that has led to this delightful re-union, in which we are permitted to see each other face to face, form new acquaintances, and lengthen and strengthen the chain of personal friendship. Neither is it unbecoming the occasion that we should devoutly return thanks to "Our Father who art in Heaven," for having spared our lives that we, here assembled, may share the enjoyments of this pleasant and highly interesting occasion.

My friends, we meet to-day as kindred, bearing the blood of a name, which, though it may never yet have been recorded high as others upon the column of this world's fame, has seldom, if ever, been tarnished by dishonor or tainted by crime. And though it shall appear, that, as a kindred people, we have shared less of what the world counts honorable distinction, we are fully compensated in the reflection that we are in no degree subject to the feelings of shame and mortification which are excited by a sense of popular or private disgrace.

If, in the course of human events, we have acted less prominently on the stage where the more honored distinctions of worldly fame are contended for and won, we have had the more time to devote to the industrial pursuits and avocations of life, where personal integrity and usefulness challenge respect, and where "the post of honor is the private station."

I congratulate you, my friends and kindred, on this auspicious gathering. We are of a distinct blood and ancestry. Here—

> "Heart leaps to heart; the sacred flood
> That warms us is the same.
> Those good old men—their honest blood
> Alike we fondly claim.
>
> Our boyish sports were all the same,
> Each little joy and woe—
> Let manhood keep alive the flame,
> Lit up so long ago."

Though this is our first family gathering, may it not be our last. Though it is the beginning, may a kind Providence decree that these re-unions shall be perpetuated and properly observed by ourselves, our children and our children's children, to the remotest generation.

We have met here to-day, my friends, not to commemorate deeds of heroic daring. We come not to contemplate and rejoice over a nation's triumphs, or to deplore its defeats and disasters. We come not to consider the interests of agriculture, commerce, manufactures, education or religion. We come not to review the bloody scenes of the old world. But we come as kindred, in whose veins courses the same blood.

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We come as brothers, sisters, friends, and let us "keep the link that binds us, bright!"

In coming together on this venerated spot, this beautiful portion of our beloved country—in this delightful town of Northampton—where so many of our kindred dwell, surrounded by the evidences of God's highest munificence—where these noble old elms beckon us to their vernal shades—we meet on classic ground. There flows the venerable Connecticut, whose sylvan retreat inspired the muse of Brainard when he so sweetly and devoutly sang:—

"Stream of my sleeping fathers! when the sound
Of coming war echoed the hills around,
How did they then start forth from every glade,
Snatching the musket where they left the spade.
How did their mothers urge them to the fight,
Their sisters tell them to defend the right.
How bravely did they stand—how nobly fall,
The earth their coffin and the turf their pall!
How did the aged pastor light his eye
When to his flock he read with purpose high
And stern resolve, whate'er the toil may be,
To pledge life, name, fame, all, for liberty."

We assemble here to-day as the representatives of genuine personal worth, impressed with memories that bring no regrets, save that time has removed our ancestors from the scenes of their earthly usefulness, and that the places which once knew them will know them no more forever. Their graves and the memories that cluster around them are their monuments; and as we wander among and point to their resting-places with emotions of just family pride, we are led to exclaim with Perceival:—

"Here rest the great and good. Here they repose
After their generous toil. A sacred band,
They take their sleep together, while the year
Comes with its early flowers to deck their graves
And gather them again as winter frowns.
Theirs is no vulgar sepulchre—green sods
Are all their monument, and yet it tells
A nobler history than pillared piles,
Or eternal pyramids They need
No statue, nor inscription, to reveal
Their greatness. It is around them, and the joy
With which their children tread the hallowed ground
That holds their venerated bones, the peace
That smiles on all they fought for, and the wealth
That clothes the land they rescued; these, though mute,
As feeling ever is when deepest—these
Are monuments more lasting than the fanes
Reared by the kings and demigods of old."

But I must forbear. I have already trespassed too long upon your time and patience by detaining you from an intellectual banquet that is spread and awaits your grateful enjoyment. Pardon this interference with your pleasure, and grant me your further generous indulgence, while I proceed with the duties of a position which I accept with emotions of profound gratitude.

The President then introduced the Rev. Alexander Huntington Clapp, of New York City, who delivered the following Address.

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ADDRESS.

My Kinsmen, Honored and Beloved:

If we are asked why we are here to-day, let us say, "Because blood is thicker than water." We say it not with the old feudal notion that "the blue blood of nobility," flowing through a long line of titled idlers, oppressors and extortioners, nourishes a superior life, confers diviner rights, demands a more obsequious recognition from the untitled many: but thus asserting our faith that by God's appointment the bond of kindred is a sacred reality; community of ancestry is a chord that, deftly struck, vibrates through hearts widely severed by time, distance, difference of calling, culture, experience, and even of faith; opens the common fount of sympathy with personal and household joys and sorrows, suffuses the cheek with shame at frailty, and uplifts the heart with pride in noble achievement, with which are linked our common name.

We have not met for self-glorification—to claim that this family has been learned, virtuous, honored or useful, above other families of the land whose glory is its intelligent virtuous households. Enough for us, if we shall find that those who have borne and are bearing our name have not been behind other kindreds, in whose prosperity and welfare we will rejoice as if they were our own.

It will be natural for us—will it not be the gratification of a proper curiosity and interest?—to look back a little at the origin

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and history of the family. Of course only the briefest hints are possible in an address like this, and nothing more will be attempted than the roughest sketch of a few of the more prominent features. The time will allow of scarcely an allusion to the many other honored names linked with ours by marriage; nor, for obvious reasons, can we say much of the living. It may fairly be supposed that they are here to speak for themselves!

For the more thorough and elaborate collection of the facts of our history, in a form for permanent preservation, fortunately we are blessed with a Family Historian, whom you all should know—Deacon EBENEZER CLAPP, of the Dorchester Antiquarian Society. Elisha Clapp, of Boston, assisted by Charles Clapp, of Bath, Me., spent some twenty-five years in collecting material, which was made over to Deacon Ebenezer; and he, since 1840, has given much hard labor and no little money to the carrying forward of the work. For these more than sixty years of toil, research and correspondence, all who bear the name are under weighty obligations; and this meeting, I submit, ought not to dissolve without taking measures for the publication of the body of family history in our cousin Ebenezer's possession, before fire or some other casualty shall destroy it.

I make no secret of the fact that, though I have not neglected other sources, for by far the most of the statements to follow, the Family Historian—as I shall call Mr. Ebenezer Clapp—is my authority. What he does not know of the Clapp tribe can be of little account; and I profess to act mainly as his mouthpiece, to set before you facts which his research, chiefly, has made it possible thus succinctly to rehearse. If then there shall be any thing in this address worth hearing, credit it to him; its crudities and imperfections are all my own.

The family name, variously spelled in the old English annals, is Saxon, and is easily traced back to one for whom the parish of Clapham (the home of Clapp), in Surrey, was named, in the time of "Edward the Confessor."

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And now I do hope none of you have heard the news: for it is such an honor to be the first to tell you that—*like all* our American Republican families that trace back their lineage—*we are of noble descent!* Mark that! The Historian has had faithfully painted, and will show to you who are interested, the family "coat of arms"—of which this is the excellent legend: "Cassis tutissima Virtus" (Virtue is the safest helmet), and this is the heraldic description: "He bearth Sable A Lion Read in Camp Black spoted with goold, A Hair and a Gray houn in ful speed in green Camp, spoted with goold, Betwen a Chueron Black Boarder'd with goold, by y^e^ name of Richard Clap Earl of Hampton." The Earl of Hampton! We see now how natural it was that the early Clapps should take so kindly to these clustering Hamptons of the *New* England.

The present audience will be interested chiefly in the story of the family, since its settlement in this country.

Five men of our name were among the early settlers of New England—Capt. ROGER, of blessed memory; Deacon EDWARD, his brother; and their three cousins, THOMAS, NICHOLAS and JOHN—all of whom came to Dorchester, which has from the first been the chief seat of the Clapps—Northampton must take the second place—and seems to glory in the fact. Besides these, one of the name (spelling it with a K), came from Germany to Philadelphia, some time in the seventeenth century, and has descendants at the South and West. But the great body of the thousands now bearing the name in the United States, are descended from the first four just named; most of these Northampton Clapps being of the blood of Capt. Roger, through his son, Preserved.

And though but few words can be given to any, even the worthiest of our ancestors; though many most excellent will not even be named, you will insist on a tribute of grateful love and veneration to this heroic and saintly man. Fortunately the chief facts of his life were recorded by his own quaint, truthful pen, in a little volume that has been several times reprinted—

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last, by the faithful care of our Family Historian, under the auspices of the Dorchester Antiquarian Society. The book should never be out of print, so long as there are those of our name to reverence exalted virtue.

CAPTAIN ROGER CLAP.

Roger Clap, son of Richard, was born at Salcombe, in Devonshire, England, in 1609; his father being, as he says, "A man fearing God, and in good esteem among God's faithful servants, with an outward estate not great—I think not above £80 per annum." Roger came to America with the first settlers of Dorchester, in 1630, arriving on the 30th of May, after a passage of ten weeks. In the great scarcity of bread the newcomers subsisted mainly on fish till supplies could be had from abroad, and the first crops grown. Our ancestor was fortunate enough to have a father able and willing to send supplies, greatly to his relief and that of the colony.

I will here go no further into the *motive* for his coming, than to say—what the most cursory reader of his autobiography will see for himself—that Roger Clap was a Pilgrim of the Pilgrims. The temptation is great, to go here into a eulogy of the New-England Pilgrim branch of the grand old heroic Puritan stock; for I verily believe that the earth never saw nobler spirits than those same Pilgrims. But trusting that there is not one here who does not honor them, and knowing that our kinsman, Otis Clapp, of Boston, is to speak of them shortly, I forbear. Enough to say, that our sturdy old ancestor was one of the purest and most godly of them all.

He could find little food for his hungry soul in the established church, as it then was, and even in his boyhood left his father's home for a neighboring town, that he might be under the spiritual care of the pious pastor, Warham, with whom and the devout Maverick he came over the sea and coöperated in the church of Dorchester, of which he was a member for sixty years.

He married Johanna Ford, one of his fellow immigrants, in

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her seventeenth year—he being in his twenty-fifth. They had ten sons and four daughters, of whom but four sons and two daughters lived to become heads of families. His repute among the discerning people of Dorchester is seen in the fact that they very early gave him command of their militia, chose him to represent the town in the General Court, and authorized him to join persons in marriage—neither of which trusts were in those days reposed in any persons not of known excellence of character. In 1665 he was, by appointment of the General Court, put in command of "the Castle," in Boston harbor, the chief fortress of the Province—now Fort Independence. This post of peculiar trust and honor, he held for twenty-one years. Contemporary history says that he enlisted only pious as well as brave men for the Castle; that he treated them with affectionate kindness, watching for their religious welfare and making the Castle for them a happy Christian home. "In his time," says one of his biographers, "it might be seen that religious and well-disposed men might take upon them the calling of a soldier without hurting their morals or their good name."

The Captain resided with his family in the Castle, and maintained worship there, but faithfully attended Sunday and week-day religious services in Dorchester and Boston—in all things a pattern and helper to his family and the garrison.

An incident is recorded which shows the general love and esteem for Captain Roger. Being visited in the Castle with a fit of sickness, the good people of Dorchester "united in a day of fasting and prayer for his recovery;" and when God mercifully restored him, "they observed a day of thanksgiving."

In 1686, when, as Blake says, "by the loss of our charter there was a change of government, and some things were required of him that were grievous to his pious soul"—"unwilling to lend his coöperation to the tyrannical schemes of Gov. Andros," says the historian of Dorchester—"and foreseeing a storm of troubles coming on the country, and he now in his old age [77 years], he voluntarily resigned his command." About four years after his resignation, he died, Feb. 2, 1690–1, in the

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82d year of his age, and was buried in the "King's Chapel" ground in Boston, with no little honor for those days—the military, the Governor and the whole General Court attending, and marching to the solemn music of the Castle guns. His wife followed him, in 1695, aged 78.

The account of Capt. Clap and his family, written by James Blake, Jr., author of Blake's Annals, who rightly describes himself as "one that was acquainted therewith," says of the Captain: "He had great aversion to idleness, and made conscience of employing himself about some lawful business; was a hearty lover of his country, prayed often for it; was chiefly concerned that pure Religion should flourish here; he encouraged the good and discountenanced the evil; was meek and humble, yet of uncommon intellectual and spiritual gifts; of cheerful, pleasant disposition, courteous and kind, free and familiar in his conversation, yet with a proper reservedness, and a gravity and presence that commanded respect from others."

Can we not all, in view of this shining Christian life, heartily unite with the prayer of Blake: "May the blessing of those godly ancestors rest upon their posterity, even unto the latest generations! And may their posterity put themselves in the way to inherit these blessings, by continuing steadfast in the covenant of their God, under which their ancestors have brought them, and by walking in and cleaving to the good ways of their forefathers, treading in their steps and making good their ground!"

Captain Roger's brother, Edward, his three cousins—Thomas, Nicholas and John—with his two sisters (wives of George Weeks and Nicholas Clap), all came to this country by his advice—Edward, Thomas and Nicholas in 1633, John later, probably in 1637; all settled in and near Dorchester, and were men of mark in their day. All except John left children; he adopted the town of Dorchester as his heir, bequeathing to it (after the death of his widow) sixteen acres of land, which years afterwards sold for $1,000 an acre, "for the support of the ministry

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and of a school forever." I cannot attempt even the roughest sketch of these men, but you will expect a few words concerning them.

Deacon EDWARD, elder brother of Capt. Roger, died in 1664, having served the town of Dorchester in many of its most responsible offices, and been deacon of the church for twenty-six years. He left nine children, and a good name as an enterprising, honest man, rich in good will and good deeds.

His wife was a sister of Thomas, Nicholas and John.

THOMAS, cousin of Capt. Roger, was born in Dorchester, England, in 1597, came to *our* Dorchester in 1633, removed to Weymouth, thence, before 1640, to Scituate, where many have since borne the name. His descendants are probably more numerous than those of either of the others. He died in 1684, aged 87. He had been thirty-seven years a deacon, was a deputy to the General Court, and a staunch defender of the faith (as he understood it), against all "pestilent heresies" on the one hand, and spiritual tyranny on the other. He was deep in the thirty-three years' war in Scituate, on the subject of Baptism, which commenced under the ministry of Mr. (afterwards President) Chauncey, and was one of the three messengers of peace that at last brought about a reconciliation.

Of Thomas's sons, Samuel long represented the town in General Court, was Commissioner to settle boundaries, and held other responsible positions.

Eleazer was killed in the famous battle with the Narragansetts, March, 1676, when sixty-three out of seventy whites and friendly Indians were killed.

NICHOLAS, brother of Thomas, whose wife was sister of Capt. Roger and Edward, was also a deacon and town officer for many years, and was esteemed "a most valuable man." He died in Dorchester, 1679.

His daughter, Hannah, was fortunate enough, in 1688, to marry Ebenezer Strong, of Northampton, and they were the

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great-great-grandparents of Gov. Caleb Strong. Her cousin, Esther, daughter of Deacon Edward, had married, in 1684, Samuel, brother of Ebenezer Strong, and they were the grandparents of Hon. Simeon Strong, Judge of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

This audience needs no reminder of the honor in which the name of Strong has been justly held.

This Nicholas was the ancestor of our Historian, Ebenezer, and of the more than thirty families now bearing our name in Dorchester. If our Historian were not here, or were not a man of such maidenly modesty, I would for a moment forget that he is one of "the living." As it is, I shall say a word of his father —and Dorchester people do say that *our* Ebenezer is very much *like* his father.

Ebenezer (the father) was the *eighth* Deacon Clap in the Dorchester church. He carried on a large farm and tannery; in which *our* Ebenezer, born in 1809, helped him until he went into the Boston Custom-House, in 1831, and afterwards into the book trade and work upon the family annals. The father was selectman eleven years, school committee fifteen years, town representative, a volunteer in the time of Shay's rebellion, &c. He died, 1860, in his 89th year.

Our Historian's mother was Eunice, daughter of John Pierce, of Dorchester, and died in 1849. His father again married, and his widow, long known as the "Dorchester beauty," died in 1864. Both father and mother are spoken of as models of old-style courtesy and kindness, as well as of genuine piety—which may account for some traits in our honored Historian!

The elder Ebenezer's unmarried sister, Lucy, was for years a private teacher in Dorchester, and from her Alexander H. and Edward Everett learned their "a b abs"—which may account for some things in *their* later career!

It was our Ebenezer's uncle, Deacon John, of Roxbury, whom Dr. George Putnam (a descendant of the first Deacon Edward) called "the last of the Puritans," "one who embodied in himself all that was respectable and lovely in the primitive

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worthies of New England." "A plain downright man, yet affable and courteous, who never did a thing for show, had none of the restless pride of life, and gave the world the spectacle of a calm, cheerful, blameless, contented old age."—Some knowing people say that when *our* Ebenezer gets to be an old man, this portrait will answer for him!

CAPTAIN ROGER'S CHILDREN.*

Of the fourteen children of Capt. Roger, eight died young, and six died in a good old age—ranging between 66 and 74 years. These six were Samuel, Elizabeth, Preserved, Hopestill, Wait, and Desire. They are *all* said to have been persons of more than ordinary ability and influence; all lived and died in the vicinity of Boston and Dorchester, except Elder PRESERVED, born 1643, who had the kind consideration for many of us to come—keeping a sharp lookout for Indian arrows and rifles on the way—to Northampton with a Dorchester colony and found the First Church; then to fall in love with and marry the beautiful, rich and accomplished Sarah Newberry, then seventeen years old, the daughter of one of the chief rulers of Connecticut—Benjamin Newberry, for twenty-two sessions a Representative, and a Captain in King Philip's war. But for this wise forethought of Elder Preserved, and for the fact that he was so good a shot, and pious enough to keep his powder dry when treacherous Indians practised on him for a target, I dare say the Committee would have called this meeting to-day somewhere else than in Northampton, and some of us would decidedly have failed of an invitation. As it is, this town, the neighboring Hamptons, and other towns of western Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, and elsewhere, can bear witness that our good old ancestor experienced the blessing of "the man who hath his quiver full of them." Of their children, seven grew to maturity. One of them, Thomas, moved to Hartford, and is the ancestor of most of our name in Connecticut.

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Here in Northampton, Elder Preserved died in 1720, aged 77, after having been for many years Captain, Representative in General Court, and Ruling Elder in the church. All of the three brothers were Representatives and Ruling Elders, and Preserved and Samuel were also Captains. And this, remember, at a time when such appointments meant that their fellow-citizens believed them to be true, brave, honest, godly men.

The two daughters of Capt. Roger also were married, and were both blessed in their pious husbands and children.

Desire, the youngest of Capt. Roger's sons who lived to manhood, also married in Dorchester, "was a sober and religious man," and trained up four children, who walked worthily in his steps.

Without attempting to follow direct lines of descent, we pass now to brief notices of a few of the family who had in their day more than ordinary prominence—beginning with the Clergy, for of them the fullest records are left.

REV. THOMAS CLAP, PRESIDENT OF YALE COLLEGE.

THOMAS, great-grandson of Thomas of Scituate, and son of Dea. Stephen and Temperance, was born in Scituate, 1703, fitted for College with Rev. James McSparran, English missionary to the Narragansetts, entered Harvard at the age of 15, and graduated in 1722.

He ascribes his deep religious experience to a treatise of Mr. Stoddard of Northampton, read while in college, and which decided him to enter the ministry, "because," he says, "I apprehended that in it I should have the best opportunity of communion with God, and promoting the salvation of my own soul." From 1725 to 1739 he was the faithful, laborious pastor of the church of Windham, Ct., where he married, in 1727, Mary, the daughter of his predecessor in the ministry, Rev. Samuel Whiting. Of their five children only two daughters reached maturity: one of whom married David Wooster, afterwards major-general

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in the Revolutionary war; the other married Timothy Pitkin of Farmington, son of the Governor, and father of Timothy Pitkin, the well-known statesman and historian.

In 1739 Mr. Clap was chosen, and in 1740 publicly inducted as President of Yale College. He brought to the office a high reputation for extensive and varied learning—particularly in theology, intellectual and moral philosophy, civil and ecclesiastical law, mathematics and natural science. He made the first orrery ever constructed in America. He was well versed in ancient and modern history. Indeed, from the eulogies of his successors, Presidents Stiles and Dwight, it would seem that there was little worth knowing that he did not know! He had also uncommon executive energy and skill for business affairs, to which Yale owes not a little of her prosperity. He made a new code of college laws—the first book ever printed in New Haven—improved the library and prepared classified catalogues of it, secured a more liberal college charter, increased the number of teachers, raised the standard of scholarship, secured the building of a new college edifice and chapel, and later—in no small degree by his own gift—a house for the theological professor. In pushing these labors, he seems to have had almost unbounded influence with the Legislature. It paid £53 sterling to the church of Windham as a consolation for their loss in parting with him, and afterwards appears to have voted just about as President Clap said was right. And there came a time when this influence did him good service. The President was staunch in defence of what he regarded as sound doctrine and good order in the church, and could not endure what he called "the erratic course" of Whitefield. His outspoken opposition brought him into collision with many of the clergy and other influential men of the State, with whom controversies ensued. The Legislature was invoked (in vain) to put a stop to the President's "arbitrary management" of the college; teachers resigned and were removed; and finally the President, tired of contention, resigned in 1765, and died in 1767, in his 64th year.

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Among his more important published works were a History of Yale College, an Introduction to the Study of the Bible, a History and Vindication of the Doctrines of the New-England Churches, and various Treatises, theological, metaphysical and scientific. Many of his valuable manuscripts were burned or lost, in Tryon's predatory expedition against New Haven.

President Stiles accounts for President Clap's massive learning, as the fruit of remarkable industry and method. Pursuing every study on a well-ordered system, "he amassed and digested a valuable treasure of erudition, having prosecuted all the variety of capital subjects in the whole circle of literature. He was indefatigable in his labors, both secular and scientific, for the benefit of the College. For proof we have the college edifice and chapel, and his frequent published dissertations on all kinds of literature." President Dwight says, "There can be little doubt that President Clap was the greatest man who ever sat at the head of this Institution."

Gratefully accepting President Dwight's generous judgment, we are quite ready to believe that greater men have filled that honored seat *since* Mr. Clap's day!

Mr. Richard Woodhull, eminent for learning, who for five years was Tutor under President Clap's administration, and was not personally very friendly to him, says, "In whatever company he was, and whatever the subject of conversation, he appeared evidently to understand it more clearly and comprehensively than any other person present." The most serious defect in the President's character and administration is said to have been, that "he was prone to consider boys as being men"! What does this show, but that he was about a century in advance of his age!

"As to his person," says President Stiles, "he was not tall, yet being thick-set, he appeared rather large and bulky. His aspect was light, placid, serene and contemplative. He was a calm, still, judicious, great man."

The following is the Epitaph inscribed on his grave-stone in New Haven:—

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Here lyeth interred the body of the
Reverend and Learned Mr. THOMAS CLAP,
the late president of Yale College, in New Haven.

A truly great man, a gentleman of superior natural genius, most assiduous application, and indefatigable industry. In the various branches of learning he greatly excelled; an accomplished instructor; a patron of the college; a great divine; bold for the truth; a zealous promoter and defender of the doctrines of grace; of unaffected piety, and a pattern of every virtue, the tenderest of fathers and best of friends, the glory of learning, and an ornament of religion; for thirteen years, the faithful and much respected pastor of the church in Windham; and, near 27 years, the laborious and faithful president of the college. And having served his own generation, by the will of God, with serenity and calmness, he fell on sleep, the 7 day of January, 1767 in his 64 year.

Death, great proprietor of all,
'Tis thine to tread out empires
And to quench the stars.

REV. THOMAS, OF SCITUATE.

There was another THOMAS, son of John, a cousin of the President, born in Scituate, 1705, graduated at Harvard, 1725, who seems have been a man of more than ordinary gifts; was pastor in Taunton, 1729–38, when he resigned, returned to Scituate and spent the rest of his life there, serving the church and the town as a layman. He was Colonel of the militia, Justice of the Peace, for many years Representative in the General Court, and a Judge of Plymouth County. He was struck with palsy, while on the bench, and died, 1774, in his 69th year.

REV. NATHANIEL CLAP, OF NEWPORT.

Rev. NATHANIEL, grandson of Nicholas, born at Dorchester, 1669, graduated, Harvard, 1690, began to preach in Newport, 1695, continued, under many discouragements, till 1720, when a church was formed and he was ordained pastor.

He was *another* of the firm defenders of the faith, and after about three years he ceased to administer the ordinances, on the ground that "the members were not of sufficient holy conversation to receive them." Of course there was a storm. The church asked that they might go to other churches for sacramental privileges. But he said, *No*. He had pretty high notions of minis-

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terial authority, and really seems to furnish a single example of *one* of the Clapp race, *rather disposed to have his own way!*

The people grew rebellious, and inclined to have *their* way. And this church having no good *Deacon* Clapp—of whom the family has furnished so many—to manage matters with characteristic gentleness and shrewdness, there came a crisis. The people demanded that their pastor should have a colleague, to preach half the day and administer the ordinances. And two young men in succession did so serve for a short time. But the old gentleman "set down his foot" again, shut his colleague out of the pulpit, and the church split in two. Mr. Clap served the first church until his death, in 1745, aged 77, having preached nearly fifty years.

He was a bachelor, very studious in his habits, so dignified in his bearing that Dean Berkeley, who esteemed him very highly for his good works, said, "Before I saw Father Clap, I thought the Bishop of Rome had the gravest aspect of any man I ever saw; but really the minister of Newport has the most venerable appearance." Whitefield, too, who seems to have been on better terms with Nathaniel than with President Thomas, said that "he was the most venerable man he ever saw"; adding, "He looked like a good old Puritan, and gave me an idea of what stamp those men were who first settled New-England. His countenance was very heavenly, and he prayed most affectionately for a blessing on my coming to Rhode Island. I could not but think I was sitting with one of the patriarchs."

He was undoubtedly a thorough scholar, a pure and saintly man, most generous of time, labor, money, for the good of his people—his usefulness marred only by his stern view of ministerial prerogative and responsibility. And yet he was a man of the kindest heart, of genial humor, a genuine lover of children, for whose welfare he laid himself out in many ingenious devices. You may have seen our annalist's story of the little girl who brought him a present; when he set before her a piece of money, a dish of fruit, and a book, telling her to take her choice. She

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chose the book; which so pleased him that he gave her the money and the fruit also.

In a commemorative sermon, the Rev. Mr. Callender says of him, "The main stroke in his character was his eminent sanctity and piety, and his desire to promote the knowledge and practice of true godliness in others. He had little value for the form of godliness without its power. He abounded in acts of beneficence to the poor, to whom he was as a kind father and guardian. He remarkably excelled in his care for the education and welfare of children and servants. He abounded in contrivances to do good, by scattering books of piety and virtue, and was at considerable expense, so to awaken the careless, comfort the feeble-minded, succor the tempted, instruct the ignorant, quicken, animate and encourage all. The conclusion of his life and ministry was a peaceful, happy death, without those raptures which some boast of, but with perfect resignation to the will of God, and good hope in Jesus Christ, who was the sum of his doctrine and the end of his conversation."

REV. THEODORE CLAPP, OF NEW ORLEANS.

Rev. THEODORE, son of Thaddeus, of Easthampton, was born in that town, 1792. He was a child of remarkable gifts, a natural orator; entered Yale College as Junior, in 1811; studied from fourteen to sixteen hours a day, living chiefly on bread and water. This of course broke down his physical system, but for a wonder did not subdue his pluck, nor rob him of his good sense. "Afoot and alone" he went out into the wilderness and "vegetated" for seven months, till his strength returned, when he resumed his studies, a wiser and more careful man. He graduated with honor in 1814, intending to study Law, but moved by the sudden death of a beloved classmate, resolved to enter the ministry; studied Theology in Andover, was licensed in 1817; travelled in the South, preached in the hotel of a Kentucky watering-place, where two members of the first Presbyterian church of New Orleans heard and admired him. This led to his settlement, in 1822, as pastor of that church—a no less eloquent successor

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of the eloquent Sylvester Larned. In New Orleans he soon acquired an unbounded influence.

In 1834 he embraced Unitarian views, and later was understood to have modified these, going still further from the system early studied in Andover, but of which he seems never to have had very clear or consistent ideas. He continued to preach, however, to many of the same hearers, in a building furnished him, free of expense, for twenty-eight years, by Judah Touro, a wealthy Jew, who shared the respect for Mr. Clapp as a Christian citizen that was felt by all alike, whether native or foreign, Protestant, Catholic or Jew: an esteem well earned by thirty-five years of self-forgetting devotion to sufferers of all nations and conditions, through not less than twenty terribly fatal epidemics, including yellow fever and cholera. Summer after summer, when others fled for safety, he remained to personally care for the sick, the dying and the dead; dispensing in gifts to the sufferers more than $40,000 of his own earnings, more than $20,000 furnished by Mr. Touro, and large sums entrusted to him by other benevolent persons in the city.

From all these labors and exposures he rested but once, for a trip to Europe, until his health gave way, and he resigned in 1857; the next year published an interesting volume of Reminiscences of his strange New Orleans experiences, and died in Louisville, Ky., in May, 1866.

The convictions and sympathies of many of us (certainly my own) are with the doctrines of Mr. Clapp's earlier and not his later ministry. We may not admire the tone in which he sometimes spoke of other beliefs than his own; but surely we can all appreciate and love the personal purity, self-sacrificing humanity and devotion to others' welfare, that were manifest to all who knew him.

The many admirers of his preaching speak of him much in the strain he was himself wont to use of his predecessor, Larned. In form and gesture he was impressive, copious in language and felicitous in illustration. He spoke without full manuscript, from carefully prepared briefs; at once took captive his hearers, and

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on the wings of his fervid eloquence carried them whithersoever he pleased.—Would that he were here, filling this place to-day, thrilling us with his magnificent periods, fulfilling the purpose of those who for years have meditated this gathering, and realizing his own desire when he wrote, in 1858, "I should be delighted, in company with the descendants of Capt. Roger Clap, to revisit the beautiful spot where repose the ashes of our fathers, where were our early homes, our first warm loves, our first bright hopes —' those pleasant fields traversed so oft in life's morning march, when our bosoms were young.' Though I have been living South for forty-one years, I have lost none of my partiality for Massachusetts, and I can say with Horace that were it possible for me to be born again, and choose my parents, I would not exchange my actual lineage for that of any other person living, however rich, honored, famed or great."

LAWYERS.

But few of our name have studied the profession of Law. One, however, JAMES Clapp, of Oxford, Chenango Co., N. Y., was very eminent as a lawyer, a citizen and a scholar. He began life under great discouragements, but overcame them all. He studied his profession with one of the most eminent jurists in the country—the celebrated Aaron Burr. He argued before juries with great force. His premises were clear, comprehensive and well defined; his deductions, it is said, were like the onward movement of a majestic river, sweeping away every opposing obstacle. He was born in New York, in 1786, and died at his residence in Oxford, Jan. 8, 1854. At a meeting of the Supreme Court and the members of the bar, eloquent and touching tributes were paid to his memory. George A. Starkweather, Esq., referred, among other things, to his being a member of the "Unadilla Hunt," a club formed for hunting deer on the borders of the river of that name :—"In his sports he was governed by the same strict rules of propriety, which governed him in all the acts of his long and useful life. He always gave the game fair play. No noble stag as he snuffed the breeze, with antlers high, driven

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from his covert to the open field, was ever meanly shot down, as he stopped in his course to survey the danger. The charge was nobly withheld until the buck was on the move. He always gave the bird the flight; the woodcock and plover were not shot in their covert place; he considered it fair notice, that if it could escape the ball of his unerring rifle, it was entitled to its liberty. He was a gentleman of the old school. He was dignified without being haughty, courteous and affable, fond of wit and sharp repartee, participating in the hearty laugh, but never forgetting the gentleman. He was not only a thorough-bred lawyer and gentleman, but he had enriched his mind with all the learning and beauties of the old standard authors, of which Shakspeare was his favorite. He possessed fine colloquial powers, and was the centre of attraction in the social circle. Gov. Daniel S. Dickinson, in his address before the Supreme Court, said of him, "As a member of society he was regarded with respect and veneration, and was sought as a companion for the mature, and a model of imitation by the young, because of his stern unyielding integrity, and the spotless morality of his life. As a lawyer he was profoundly versed in the intricacies of his profession; not in its shifting resorts and devices. He had explored the rich and varied treasures of its learning; its noble and elevating principles, and its best storehouses of accumulated wisdom. He was gifted with captivating conversational powers, and enjoying in a high degree moments of social relaxation. The most intimate friend never ventured to trifle with that personal dignity which attended him on all occasions. He has pleaded his last cause before earthly tribunals. That erect and manly form will repose upon the banks of his beloved Chenango, but the deathless spirit has gone to submit the great issue of life to that Court of *dernier resort*, from whose judgment there is no appeal."

A much younger and only brother of James—JOHN, of Binghamton, N. Y. — is of the same profession. It was in the office of the latter (that of Clark and Clapp) that Hon. Daniel S. Dickinson was a student at law. This brother has retired from the

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Bar, and now "rests on his laurels." He entertains and enjoys the most cultivated society in his vicinity, and is surrounded with and appreciates the best literature of the day. Were he not here present, much more might with propriety be said of him.

EBENEZER, a descendant of Thomas, born in Mansfield, Mass., January 21, 1779, graduated at Harvard College in 1799, and settled in Bath, Me. He was a highly respectable man, educated a lawyer, and stood high among his associates and the public. He was one of the Trustees of Bowdoin College, and died in 1856.

TEACHERS.

In this noble profession, not a few of both sexes have shed honor on the family name. Of these one of the most prominent was NOAH, born 1718, graduated at Harvard 1735, died 1799. He was a son of Dea. Jonathan, grandson of Nathaniel, and great-grandson of the first Nicholas. He studied theology, and was an acceptable preacher, but ill-health compelled him to turn aside from the pulpit, and he taught the grammar school in Dorchester for nearly twenty years. He was selectman and assessor for more than thirty, and town treasurer for forty-seven years. He knew more of the history of the town than any man in it; had a memory truly marvellous, and his conscientiousness of statement became a proverb. Truth, modesty, sincerity, candor and heavenly charity were his predominant traits.

When some of the town records were burned, with his dwelling, he restored the most important of them, from memory. And such was his fidelity, that no one would dispute a fact or date that was given on Noah Clapp's authority. His son Ebenezer (father of our Historian), was deacon in Dorchester for fifty years. One of his daughters married Hon. Ebenezer Seaver, of Roxbury, for ten years a member of Congress.

Another distinguished teacher was ELISHA, graduated at Harvard, 1797; was there Tutor in Greek, 1801–3, and for ten years Principal of Sandwich Academy. Bishop Wainwright was one of his favorite pupils.

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After acquiring a competence he returned to Boston, and pursued his favorite studies, mathematics and astronomy. Frequent attacks of disease drove him often to milder climates, and he died of paralysis, in 1830, aged 54. He was an active member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the American Academy of Science, and other learned bodies. To his research are due many of the items incorporated in the manuscript family history.

His wife, a lady of rare intellect and benevolence, was a daughter of Robert Treat Paine, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

PHYSICIANS.

As a representative of our Physicians who have ceased from their labors, we will name ASAHEL Clapp, son of Reuben, of the stock of Nicholas. He was born in Rutland, Mass., about 1792, but in childhood removed with his parents to Montgomery, in northern Vermont, where he was reared on a backwoods farm, with such educational facilities as the district school afforded.

At about twenty years of age, he came unheralded into the study of Dr. Benjamin Chandler, of St. Albans, saying that he wished to commence at once the study of medicine, and to pay his way by work upon the doctor's farm, or at anything else which he could be set about. The doctor soon recognized the signs of a sharp intellect and shrewd good sense in his roughly-clad pupil, and set him at study with his son. Young Clapp developed a surprising quickness, industry, enthusiasm, and an unconquerable will; soon mastered the doctor's medical works, then devoured whatever he could find upon various branches of natural science—verifying the text by ingenious original experiments, some of which were not only instructive to himself, but useful to others: as when he cured his chum of late rising, by a scientific application to the sleeping victim, from the doctor's electric battery.

In 1817, our young doctor emigrated, and "set up for himself" in New Albany, Ind., where he died in 1863, aged 70. For many years he was not only one of the leading physicians and

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surgeons, but one of the most honored devotees of science in his adopted State, keeping up his enthusiastic love of botany, geology, microscopic studies, &c., to the end of life. His collection of botanical, geological and other specimens was the largest in the State. He was a man of excellent character, and widely honored for his public spirit and beneficence.

As chairman of an important committee of the National Medical Association, he prepared a report for the Transactions of that body, which is said to be of great permanent value.

William Clapp, lately deceased, who was Collector of the port of Burlington, Vt., and held other important offices under the Government, was a younger brother of this Dr. Asahel.

BUSINESS MEN.

The lives of but few of these, not now living, have been published, and I find it difficult to gather authentic facts. One or two names must for this occasion represent this large and respectable company.

Hon. Asa Clapp, of Portland, Me., was a son of Abiel, of Mansfield, Mass., and a descendant of Thomas, of Dedham, eldest son of Thomas, of Scituate. Asa was early left an orphan, and at the age of sixteen went as substitute for a young man drafted for Gen. Sullivan's expedition to drive the British from Rhode Island. At the end of the campaign he sailed from Boston on a privateer; at the close of the Revolutionary war he was captain of a ship; was in Port au Prince when that city was attacked by the negroes, and, with Joseph Peabody, of Salem, aided the citizens.

He established himself as a merchant in Portland, in 1796, trading extensively and profitably, by numerous vessels, with Europe, the East and West Indies, South America, &c. He was active in the separation of Maine from Massachusetts, and was an efficient member of the Convention for forming the Constitution of Maine, in 1819, and was afterwards a Senator in the Maine legislature. He died in Portland, 1848, in his eighty-

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sixth year, prosecuting his business up to a few moments before his death. He accumulated, used and left a large property, said to be more than a million dollars, and has been supposed to be perhaps the wealthiest man of the name, thus far.

The *Portland Advertiser* gives him credit not only for great business capacity and energy, but for marked liberality, shown in large contributions to public improvements, in his treatment of unfortunate debtors, and of young men having dealings with him. Among other public legacies, he left $8,000 for the relief of female orphans; $4,000 for fuel for poor widows, &c.

His son, Hon. ASA W. H., married a daughter of General Dearborn, of Massachusetts, and has been for some years a Member of Congress.

His daughter, ELIZABETH, married Hon. Levi Woodbury, of New Hampshire, who was Governor of that State, Secretary of the Navy and of the Treasury, Senator in Congress, and Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States.

There is another business man, descended from the same stock, born in 1811, a grandson of Joshua, of Walpole, and a son of Ellis. Of him our Historian wrote, years ago:—"He is a very energetic business man, living in Buffalo, and Editor of the *Buffalo Express*." If he were not in a position to call me to order for violation of my rule to keep silent as to the living, I should say that his name is ALMON M.; and that "the powers that be" in Washington were shrewd enough to discover that he was just the man to do *honestly* that "public printing" which had for years been such a source of leakage to the Treasury, and of corruption to Congress. We may take an honest pride in the fact that he has been able not only to reform that whole vast business, but to clearly *prove* his honesty, against the malignant devices of corrupt men who thought to "break him down" and once more to get possession of their wonted "spoils." All honor to our worthy kinsman, and chairman, who has come out of the furnace heated by the public enemies, as gold comes from the purifying fires!

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WHERE THE CLAPPS LIVE.

You ask, Where are the members of the family mostly living? I suppose that in Dorchester, our ancestral seat, there are and ever have been more than in any other one place. They seem to have felt most *at home* there. In the index to the history of that noble old town, I notice one hundred and forty-one references to our name, and in connections not to be ashamed of. They appear to have had a propensity for giving to the town and church (clock, communion-service, pulpit-bibles, and the like).

In seventy-four of the first ninety-one years of the record, there was always one (often two or three) of our name in the chief town offices. Then for twenty years they appear to have mostly given up the reins to others. But I judge they could not be spared, for in 1749, NOAH, nephew of Rev. Nathaniel, of Newport, came into office, and for forty-seven years was assessor, town clerk, selectman, sometimes all at once. For thirty-eight years he was treasurer—and a handy one he must have been to have around; for about the close of the Revolution the record shows that he often paid out of the treasury when there was nothing in it!

After him the family took another rest of seven years, when Samuel came in, and for seven years was first selectman; then for thirty years, 1817–47, there was again from one to three in office. By that time the Clapps seem to have put things into so good a train, that now *common folks* can passably manage the town affairs!

But as for the *Deacon's* office, that is another matter. The churches of Dorchester, and not a few in *this* vicinity, would hardly think it worth while to try to live without one or more Deacon Clapps; and no wonder, considering what the list has been!

Experience with helpful souls in this relation has brought me to love the men who, using well the office of a deacon, purchase to themselves a good degree. My heart goes out with the pastor of Deacon Hopestill, when he says of him, "Deacon Clap was a very gracious man, endowed with a great measure of meekness

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and patience, studying and practising the things that make for peace." And then he breaks forth into song :—

> " Pastors and churches happy be
> With ruling elders such as he ;
> Present, useful ; absent, wanted ;
> Lived desired ; died lamented."

In glancing over the Dorchester tax-list of last year, I find forty-nine names, not all taxed for large sums, but most of them encouraging the hope that we shall not be called on for the support of our " poor relations " there.

Of the families of our name now residing in this town and vicinity, I can give only approximate numbers. They are fewer than formerly—perhaps diminishing year by year, as the young men seek business elsewhere, and the daughters give up their names for others. There remain in Northampton about fifteen families, furnishing thirty-one voters and thirty-seven tax-payers ; in Southampton, about twenty voters ; in Easthampton perhaps eighteen voters, of whom fifteen are heads of families, and of descendants of the Clapp family, of all names, one hundred and fifteen to one hundred and twenty. Westhampton now has but two families bearing the name, though there are twenty families there tracing back their lineage directly to Elder Preserved. Montague reports twenty families.

But while so many have lived and died in and about Dorchester and Northampton, especially in earlier years, there have within the last century been wanderers enough to vindicate our membership in " the universal Yankee nation." There is not a State in New England or the West but has our representatives ; and they are found, though fewer of late years, in the South. Among the places of deaths named in the annals, besides all the Northern and older Western States, are Pensacola, Charleston, Columbia, the island of Jamaica, Sandwich Islands, Rio Janeiro and Rio Grande, and a large number at sea.

While preparing this address, I have been interested to look into such recent (not always the latest) city " Directories " as I

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could find, for the present abodes of our most active business men. That of Boston (now including Dorchester) gives 124; Charlestown, 8; Chelsea, 7; Cambridge and Lynn, 5 each; Salem, 4; Lowell and Taunton, 2 each; Pittsfield, 8; Newton, Concord, Nashua, Manchester, 1 each; Providence, 10; Pawtucket, 5; Hartford, 14; Norwich, 3; New Haven and Bridgeport, 1 each; Portland, 7; Bath and Augusta, 2 each; Gardiner, St. John and Woodstock, N. B., 1 each; New York and Brooklyn, 30—and not an Alderman, Common Councilman or liquor-dealer among them! Jersey City, Newark, Troy, Buffalo and Saratoga, 4 each; Albany, 7; Auburn, 6; Newburg and White Plains, 3 each; Tarrytown, 2; and we are represented in Oswego, Syracuse, Potsdam, Peekskill, Binghamton, Sing Sing (not in the State-prison). Philadelphia now gives but one name—but the directory sets him down as a "gentleman"; Pittsburg, 3; Baltimore, 1 (and one "Clapsaddle"); Washington and Georgetown, 4; Richmond, 1; St. Louis, 2; Louisville, 3; Memphis, 2 (lawyers); New Orleans, 3; Houston, Texas, 2; Sabine, 1; Cincinnati, 4; Detroit, 4; Milwaukee, 1; Chicago, 11; St. Joseph, 1 (city engineer); Leavenworth, 2; Omaha, 1; San Francisco, 6; Sonora, 2; and one or two each in more towns than can be named in every State from Maine to Oregon.

COLLEGE GRADUATES.

Not having had access to all the catalogues, I cannot say how many of our name have received a college education. Sixteen have graduated at Harvard, eight of whom were Dorchester boys. Of these, six became ministers, two physicians, and two teachers. Six have graduated at Yale, of whom three became ministers. Two are now members of Yale. Three have graduated at Brown University; and four at Dartmouth. Eight have studied theology in the Seminary at Andover.

THEIR OCCUPATION.

The occupations of the family have been as various as possible. In the professions we have had ministers, judges, law-

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yers, physicians, many teachers, and several editors. I am sorry to think that the ministry attracts fewer of our kindred than formerly. Several of the profession have lately died—among them Rev. Dexter, of Salem, and Rev. Sumner G., formerly of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; and as now living I know of but four Congregationalists, three Baptists, three Methodists, one Presbyterian, and one Episcopalian. Among the sons of Clapp mothers, we have several, of whom Rev. Dr. George Putnam, of Roxbury (descended from Deacon Edward), and Rev. Dr. W. H. Furness, of Philadelphia (descended from Capt. Roger, through Rev. Supply), are very widely known.

We have had many cashiers and treasurers. Their neighbors seem not to have feared to trust them with money.

There is scarcely an honest trade unrepresented—from makers of jewelry, watches and philosophical instruments, to the great ship-builders of Bath. Many, especially of the western Massachusetts families, have been farmers; not a few carpenters, tanners, gardeners—not forgetting Thaddeus, our pomologist (graduated Harvard, 1834), producer of the delicious pear, "Clapp's favorite;" manufacturers, merchants, dealers in every honest product. Some, like Jason, of Pittsfield, it seems were able to manage manufacturing, carriage-building, staging, mail-contracting, and so on, and then to have found leisure for legislative and other public services.

Book making and selling has been the favorite business of one branch of the family, including printers, lithographers, &c. Elisha B.'s marriage with a sister of the Hon. Nathan Hale, of the *Boston Daily Advertiser*, perhaps turned the course of some in that direction, as did the family interest of others in Clapp's *Evening Gazette*.

And here let me pay a sacred debt of personal gratitude to that veteran printer and editor, who would have so loved to see this gathering—William Warland Clapp, of the Boston *Evening Gazette*. His kindly notice (and that of his sons) of certain boyish productions, and his frequent words of cheer, roused in me the desire for an education, and the hope of a life not

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wholly useless to others. To me that benign, fatherly face comes tenderly among the dear memories of to-day.

We have had our full share of State and National Legislators, post-masters, sheriffs, collectors of customs; and our Otis, Assessor of Internal Revenue in *Boston*—where they don't put unworthy men in office! There was Col. Daniel, member of the provincial Congress, 1774, who for more than thirty years was Register of Deeds in Worcester County. What is best of all, these men left the public service with a good name. And do not flatter yourselves a good name is *cheaply* gained on our Cousin Eben's impartial record. Though he says he has heard of but one as ever arrested for crime, I have read on those pages written only for his own eye, here and there certain descriptive phrases that—we'll not repeat outside of the family!

Military life has proved attractive, and there is scarcely a military title but what has been worn by some member of the family. On the day of the battle of Lexington, five of our name enlisted in one company in Dorchester; seven from that town served through the Revolutionary war; eleven there joined Lieut. Clapp's company for reënforcing the army in 1780, and five Dorchester Clapps enlisted for the suppression of Shay's rebellion. In the French and Revolutionary wars, and in that of 1812, the Dorchester and Northampton branches of the family were fully represented, and several lost their lives. I need not say that many hearts with us to-day ache for those out of their homes, who lately fell in defence of our imperilled Union.

THEIR LONGEVITY, ETC.

The Clapps have been a *long-lived* race. Our Historian writes of very many who died in infancy; but there are also many who lived to an extreme age—from 80 to 90 years and upwards. Earl Clapp, of Rochester, died at 98; my own grandfather, Charles, of Northampton, died at 91, my grandmother at 97. Some here remember the patriarch, Benjamin, of Easthampton, who at the age of 92 was a constant attendant at church. His wife died in 1847, over 97 years old, the mother

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of fifteen children, thirteen of whom lived to be heads of families, so that she lived to see 70 grandchildren, and as many great-grandchildren. Rachel, daughter of Benjamin Clapp, of Easthampton, and wife of Nathaniel Edwards, of Northampton, lived to the age of 100 years, 4 months and 11 days.

That this has been a *fruitful* vine, is self-evident, without taking account of the many families that number from ten to fifteen children, and more; or citing at least one case of triplets, and another, of two pairs of twins presented to one father in fifty-one weeks.

Frequent notices in the annals not only prove our historian's faith that the Clapps have been famed for a genuine old-time courtesy—the politeness of a truly kind heart—but also his persuasion that ours is a *good-looking* family! I should not dare to read aloud his notes set against the names of some of you, who have somehow got upon his susceptible side. But that with all this there goes generally a solid *good sense*, he quietly assumes.

And yet there does appear to have been, many years ago, *one* Clapp (I never heard of another), who was something of a *dandy* in his way. He was one Robert, Captain of a vessel sailing from Boston to the West Indies. In the inventory of his property, in his will, we find "one light blue broadcloth coat and breeches, and one dark blue ditto, trimmed with silver"; "one pair velvet breeches"; "black padusoy jacket, with gold buttons"; "one-eighth of brig Seahorse," and "one negro man, worth £100"!

He was from England, his wife lived there; and he seems scarcely to have made this country his home. With him and his negro man, worth £100, the glory of velvet breeches, silver trimmings and gold buttoned jackets departed from the family forever! Alas, for our one vanished dandy!

HISTORICAL MATERIAL.

These statistics seem dry enough; but do not judge from this that the family annals have not in them elements of romantic

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and often of deeply affecting interest. We may find them in the story of Lewis and Enos (sons of Nathaniel, of Dorchester), whose was a love like David and Jonathan's, leading them to live together unmarried till past forty years of age. So seldom were they separate, that when the children saw either they cried out, all the same, "There goes Lewis and Enos!" We find them in the story of Captains Caleb and Joshua (sons of Joel, of Sudbury), so alike that few could distinguish them; both of them Captains in the Revolution, and friends of Gen. Washington; both represented their towns in the Legislature; both remarkably winning, but subject to fits of despondency which led to their deaths by suicide. We find them in the story of Edward, of Milton, lost in the expedition to Canada against the Indians, 1690; in that of John, of Sudbury, who died in the Crown Point expedition; that of Joseph, of Deerfield, through whose hat the Indians put three bullets; that of Mrs. Sarah, of Deerfield, whom the Indians carried into captivity; that of Dr. Eleazer, a graduate of Harvard, who in a fit of derangement took his own life, and was in five days followed by his mother, ending hers in the same way; that of the young husband killed by accident in thirteen days after his marriage; in the story of those who left home for other shores, and were heard of no more; in the several instances in which husband and wife, brother and sister, parent and child, have died so near each other as to be buried in the same grave; in the noble self-sacrifice of the widow Ann S. Merrick, of Springfield, daughter of Cephas Clapp, who with the 10th Mass. Volunteers went into the late army of the Union, and whose tender care of the sick and wounded attracted the admiring notice of President Lincoln; in the sad fate of the promising Boston medal scholar, who died in Boston harbor, almost in sight of his father's door, on his return from an East India voyage in pursuit of health; and in the still sadder death of Edward and John, hopeful sons of Deacon John, of Roxbury, who were drowned together while on a pleasure excursion—all of the family, parents, brother and sisters, being near by.

Yes; in those two seemingly frigid volumes of statistics, are the

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elements of many a thrilling story, that would move us alternately to laughter and to tears.

But those stories must be left for the lips and pens of others. It was long ago time to relieve your patience. Enough for me, if these crude statements shall have moved your gratitude to God, and quickened your interest to know more of his dealings with a family, so numerous, so widely scattered, so richly blessed. The materials for such knowledge are now extant, and the Historian still lives who has gathered, and can fitly set them forth—not only for *our* profit, but as a precious contribution to the history of the past and passing generations.

Various as have been the characters, circumstances and fortunes of the family, we must be blind indeed, not to recognize the honor God has put upon it, in the marked *Piety* which so distinguished our ancestors, as a body, and has been the blessed inheritance of so many of their descendants.

Who of us cannot truthfully and feelingly say with Cowper:

> "My boast is not that I deduce my birth
> From loins enthroned, and rulers of the earth;
> But higher yet my proud pretensions rise—
> The child of parents passed into the skies!"

Amid the joys of such an inheritance, let us recognize its responsibilities. Let us accept and take up the duties which, as descendants of those great-hearted, godly Pilgrim Fathers, we owe to an age so different from theirs; to a government they had so large a share in founding; to principles and institutions they prized so highly; to a land for which they sacrificed so much and prayed so fervently.

That august and goodly company! we can almost see them hovering over us to-day, with many of their lineage—our nearer kindred—a great cloud of witnesses compassing us about; here and there a gray-haired Patriarch, bearing on his aged breast some little lamb that but yesterday was the light of our homes: —thus linking the generations, and thrilling our hearts with the pulsations of that tie of kindred, which of the living and the dead but one communion makes.

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We may lack the genius, the culture, the enthusiasm, of some of our honored kindred; and may fancy that we lack their call and their opportunity to move the world upward, and to leave on it the print of our uplifting hands.

But who can say what opportunities Providence may make for us, if we, prepared, are waiting and watching for them? Suddenly, as on the trite, level life of this land, nine years ago, God sprung the issues of the great Rebellion, that made heroes of the obscurest, so He may at any hour call *us* into crises that shall demand a valor, self-denial, energy and faith, not less than those which our fathers opposed to the tyranny of Elizabeth and James and the Charleses of the old country, and the oppressors of the colonists in the new.

But no one of us need sigh for greater talents, nor wait for grander opportunities. Not on thrones alone are souls made kingly; not on battle-fields alone are victories won and lost. Our humblest homes may be made abodes of saintliest royalty; in the dustiest paths of our work-day life, we are daily gaining or losing heaven. Each has his gifts, his place, his work appointed of God—a work worthy of the worthiest—and for that work, well done or ill, each is to give account.

When we go from this pleasant gathering, shall we not part with the mutual pledge to do our utmost, each in his several sphere, to maintain the principles our fathers loved even unto death, to build up the kingdom of our fathers' God—that God who setteth the solitary in families—that Redeemer in whom all the families of the earth are blessed!

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PROCEEDINGS, READING OF PAPERS, &c.

After the delivery of the Address, which was listened to, throughout, with the most marked attention, and several portions of which drew forth the applause of the audience, the well-known and favorite song of "America" was sung, the assembly rising and joining in this delightful part of the exercises of the day.

The President then introduced to the meeting, Otis Clapp, Esq., of Boston, who read the following paper:—

The Puritan Brotherhood; its Origin and Objects; and the Connection of the Clapp Family therewith.

The early members of our family were moved to emigrate to this country, because of their sympathy in the Puritan brotherhood. That brotherhood was a child of the Reformation.

The struggle, out of which came Puritanism, and its principles, was among the most memorable, in its character and results, in the world's history. It is common to measure events by centuries. In this connection, the fact is a striking one, that Pope Leo's bull, excommunicating Martin Luther, was in the year 1520; and the departure of the May Flower from the shores of Europe, with its freight of Pilgrims, was in 1620—just one century after.

It seems, in the providence of God, as though that century was given over to what was called King-craft, and Priest-craft, and allowed full sway for experiments in human dominion, persecution, and all methods, but Divine methods, to *force unity in civil and religious affairs.*

Out of this fiery furnace came the Puritans, or those who believed that churches and commonwealths should be based upon the Word of God, and imbued with His Spirit. Hume divides them into three classes, viz.:—"Political Puritans," "Doctrinal Puritans," and "Puritans in Discipline." The strict meaning of the term was, "One who is scrupulous and strict in his religious life." Such teachers are now recognized and tolerated as a matter of course. But up to the time of the Commonwealth in 1648, they were imprisoned, banished, executed, and persecuted in all conceivable ways.

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From the period when Henry VIII. ascended the throne of England, in 1509, to the Commonwealth in 1648—139 years—England had six Sovereigns, viz.: Henry VIII., 1509 to 1546, reigned 37 years; Edward VI., 1547 to 1553, reigned 6 years; Mary, 1553 to 1558, reigned 5 years; Elizabeth, 1558 to 1602, reigned 44 years; James I., 1603 to 1624, reigned 21 years; Charles I., 1625 to 1648, reigned 23 years. A glance at these Sovereigns may help to give an idea of the school in which the Puritans were trained. Catholicism was introduced into England, as the established religion, by William the Conqueror, about 1067.

HENRY VIII. started as a good Catholic. He wrote a reply to Luther, for which the Pope gave him the title of "Defender of the Faith." He married Catherine of Aragon, daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella —lived with her 18 years, and then put her away. He asked the Pope for a divorce, which was declined. Whereupon he turned Protestant. In short, he made himself *head* of the church, instead of a *subordinate* to the Pope. He then married five wives in ten years, viz.:—Anna Boleyn, in 1533; Jane Seymour, in 1536; Anna of Cleves, in 1540; Catherine Howard, also in 1540; Catherine Parr, in 1543.

Some idea of Henry VIII. may be gained from the following extracts from one of his Statutes:—

"There shall be no annotations or preambles in Bibles or New Testaments *in English*. The Bible shall not be read *in English* in any church.

"No women, or artificers, apprentices, journeymen, serving-men, husbandmen, or laborers, shall read the New Testament *in English*.

"Nothing shall be taught or maintained contrary to the King's instructions.

"If any spiritual person shall be convict of preaching, or maintaining anything contrary to the King's instructions already made, or hereafter to be made, he shall for the first offence recant; for the second, bear a fagot; and for the third, be burnt."—*Stat.* 35 Henry VIII.

Now this was the law of a professedly Protestant King, and adhered to by the succeeding monarchs, in letter and spirit, for more than ninety years, embracing the reigns of *Mary*, *Elizabeth*, *James I.* and *Charles I.*

The act of Henry VIII. was a bold one; "but as for any amendment of the doctrines of popery," says Neale, "any further than was necessary to secure his own supremacy," and "the revenues of the church," "he had not the honor to accomplish."

EDWARD VI. ascended the throne at nine years of age, and died at the age of fifteen. He was provided with sixteen Regents to manage affairs—ten for the Reformation, and six for the old religion. During this brief reign, the rigors of the last began to be relaxed; persecution was stopped, and prison doors were set open. The Reformation made quick progress. The controversy that gave rise to separation now began. The "occasion was, that Bishop Hooper refused to be consecrated in the popish habits;" as "the administrations of priests were *thought to receive their validity from the consecrated vestments.*"

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MARY occupied the throne from 1553 to 1558, five years. She made use of her power to turn things back into the old channel. Popery revived, and a second time became the established religion of the Church of England. The Statutes of King Edward were repealed, and the penal laws against heretics were put in execution against Reformers. Many were imprisoned, scourged, executed. Great numbers fled to Germany, Switzerland, and Geneva. Neale says her reign "ought to be transmitted in characters of blood." Some three hundred persons suffered at the stake as heretics, in less than four years.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S accession to the crown gave new life to the Reformation. The Pope had pronounced her illegitimate, which helped to give her a bias towards the Protestants, whom she protected in some degree. She was regarded as a politic princess, and the glory of the age. Yet she had high notions of the *sovereign authority* of princes, and of *absolute supremacy* in church affairs. Although disliking the *authority* of Rome, she liked its forms and ceremonies. She disliked the Puritans, and resorted to extreme severity to enforce these forms and ceremonies upon them. To this, their consciences objected; because these were, to them, the symbols of popery—of Satan—and not authorized by Scripture, their *only* authority.

Elizabeth looked upon all such objections with no favor. She countenanced all the engines of persecution, such as "Spiritual Courts," "High Commissions," "Star Chamber," &c.—whose trials and persecutions would almost rival the Spanish Inquisition. The prisons were filled with many of the most pure and quiet men in the kingdom, for non-conformity to these forms and ceremonies.

Two attempts were made in Parliament to reach these Courts; and Attorney Morris offered a bill to prohibit "illegal imprisonments." As soon as Queen Elizabeth heard of this, "she sent for Speaker Coke, and commanded him to tell the House that it was wholly in *her power* to call, to determine, to assent, or dissent, to *anything* done in Parliament; that it was not meant that they should meddle with matters of State, or causes ecclesiastical; that she wondered they should attempt a thing so contrary to her commandment; that she was highly offended at it," &c. &c. Mr. Morris, who offered the bill, was "seized by a Sergeant-at-arms, discharged from office, disabled from practice, and kept for some years a prisoner."

And yet, in the face of all such efforts, the Puritans continued to increase, and began to obtain a majority in the House of Commons, even in Elizabeth's reign.

The term *Puritan* was given as a name of reproach to those who "refused to subscribe to the liturgy, ceremonies, and discipline of the church." "The controversy with the Puritans," says Neale, "had only a small beginning, viz., the imposing of the popish habits, and a few indifferent ceremonies; but it opened by degrees into a reformation of discipline, which all confessed was wanting; and at last the doctrinal articles were debated. The queen and the later bishops would not part with a *pin* out of the hierarchy, nor leave a latitude in the most

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trifling ceremonies, but insisted upon an exact uniformity both in doctrine and ceremonies."

"The Puritans," he continues, "were the most resolved Protestants in the nation. They were in all ranks, but generally from the mercantile and middling classes. Their behavior was severe and rigid, far removed from the fashionable freedoms and vices of the age." "With all their faults, they were the most pious and devout people in the land; *men of prayer*, both in secret and in public, as well as in their families." "They were circumspect as to all excesses of eating, drinking, apparel, and lawful diversions; being frugal in house-keeping, industrious in their particular callings, honest and exact in their dealings, and solicitous to give every one his own." (Vol. i. 399.)

These are the qualities required to make good Christians and good citizens. Elizabeth and her adherents overlooked these qualities, and allowed them to receive "cruel mockings, bonds, and imprisonments."

JAMES I.—The Pilgrims left England for this country during this reign. James was an indolent and vain-glorious monarch, a willing captive to his bishops, who flattered his vanity, and pŭt into his head the maxim, "No bishop, no king." "No prince was ever so much flattered, who so little deserved it." Here is one of his "directions," or laws, which will serve as a sample of his statesmanship. "That no preacher of any degree soever, shall henceforth presume in auditory to declare, limit, or set bounds to the prerogative, power, or jurisdiction of Sovereign princes, or meddle with affairs of State." "He was," according to Bishop Burnet, "the scorn of the age; a mere pedant, without true judgment, courage, or steadiness; his reign being a continued course of mean practices." "He was certainly the meanest prince that ever sat upon the British throne."

CHARLES I. came to the throne in 1625. He dissolved the parliament, dispensed with the lords and commons, and directed affairs by authority of king and council. No one could speak or write against these proceedings without the utmost hazard of his liberty and estate. The church was governed by like arbitrary and illegal methods. Dr. Laud, Bishop of London, was prime minister, "and pursued his wild scheme of uniting the two churches of England and Rome without the least regard to the rights of conscience, or laws of the land, bearing down opposition with unrelenting severity. To make way for this union, the churches were not only to be repaired, but ornamented with pictures, paintings, images, altar-pieces, &c.; the forms of public worship were to be decorated with a number of pompous rites and ceremonies, in imitation of the church of Rome; and the Puritans, who were the professed enemies of everything that looked like popery, were to be suppressed, or driven out of the land." "To accomplish this, due instructions were issued, which brought a great deal of business into the Spiritual Courts."—*Neale*, Vol. i. 542.

The Puritan ministers were thus "suspended, or deprived, and their families driven to distress. Nor was there any prospect of relief."

I will give one sample of cruelty inflicted upon Dr. Alexander Leigh-

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ton in 1630, the year in which Dorchester was first settled. He wrote an appeal, calling the bishops "Men of blood." He claimed "that the church has her laws from Scripture, and that no king may make laws for the house of God." The Star Chamber found him guilty. The execution of his sentence was, in the language of Archbishop Laud, Prime Minister of Charles I., as follows:

1. "He was severely whipt before he was put in the pillory."
2. "He had one of his ears cut off."
3. "One side of his nose slit."
4. "Branded on the cheek with a red-hot iron with the letters S. S." (Sower of Sedition). Seven days after, "the scars upon his back, ear, nose and face, being not yet cured, he was again whipt at the pillory;" and "the remainder of his sentence executed upon him, by cutting off the other ear, slitting the other side of his nose, and branding the other cheek." Then he was thrown into prison, where he continued in close confinement ten years, till he was released by the Long Parliament.

The clouds every day grew thicker, threatening a violent storm, and giving rise to a second grand colony, called Massachusetts-Bay. In the succeeding twelve years of Bishop Laud's administration, there came over to this country some 4000 planters, bringing over in money and goods some £500,000. In this way four settlements were made, viz., Plymouth, Massachusetts-Bay, Connecticut and New Haven. In this way, also, our early towns were settled—Northampton, Hadley, Hatfield and others among them. The leaders into these parts were Puritan ministers, who had been hunted from place to place, until they chose this wilderness as a retreat.

"I have," says Neale, "a list of seventy-seven divines who became pastors of sundry little churches and congregations in that country before the year 1640." "They were not all of the first rank for deep and extensive learning; yet they had a better share of it than most of the neighboring clergy; and, which is of more consequence, they were men of strict sobriety and virtue; plain, serious, affectionate preachers."

Macaulay says of them, "They had been oppressed, and oppression had made them a pure body." Hume, the historian, says it is to the despised sect of Puritans, that we are indebted for the whole freedom in the British Constitution. Dr. Priestley responds, we accept the compliment, but despise the reflection. "No great truth," says Wm. Law, "ever came into the world which was not opposed by the ruling opinions of the time." Through agencies like these, was the brain of New England educated into ideas, which have made themselves felt for good, not only within her own borders, but throughout the world.

Such, in brief, were the main causes which led to the first settlement of Massachusetts. The May Flower arrived at Plymouth in 1620. A fleet, with Mr. Higginson and others, arrived in Salem June 20, 1629. And the "great ship" Mary & John, with our ancestor Roger Clap and others, arrived May 30, 1630. If we recognize God in history,

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we can hardly fail to see that these men and women were led to struggle with all the evils of bad government, to prepare them to come to a new continent, and establish new institutions, based on the principles of Divine Justice. It is interesting to follow these providential leadings.

"This high abuse of church power," says Neale, "obliged many learned ministers and their followers to leave the kingdom, and retire to Amsterdam, Rotterdam, the Hague, Leyden, Utrecht, &c., in Holland." This movement began in 1604, and John Robinson was one of the leaders. They *there* learned from the Dutch, the system of small townships, of small republics, and of small commonwealths. These they planted *here*, where they found a congenial soil. Each town was a commonwealth; and an aggregation of towns, was an enlarged commonwealth, or republic. The intelligent and faithful performance of town duties is one of the grand agencies of our civilization.

In this field of duty, our family ancestors have had an active and an honorable share. In the first one hundred years from the formation of the government of Massachusetts—say from 1629 to 1729—members of the Clapp family held seats in the Legislature sixty-two years. Roger and his three sons, viz., Samuel, Hopestill, and Preserved, held seats in the Legislature forty-four years. The town of Scituate was represented by Thomas, Samuel, Nathaniel, and Stephen Clapp, sixteen years, between 1680 and 1710. These men are represented as honest, earnest, outspoken, God-fearing men.

The intelligent and faithful performance of these Town, State and Church duties, may appear to some as matters of minor consideration; but such is not the estimate of that clear-headed political economist and statesman, DeTocqueville. "On the continent of Europe," he says, "at the beginning of the seventeenth century, absolute monarchy had everywhere triumphed over the ruins of the oligarchical and feudal liberties of the Middle Ages. Never perhaps were the ideas of right more completely overlooked, than in the midst of the splendor of Europe; never was there less activity among the people; never were the principles of true freedom less widely circulated; and at that very time, those principles, which were scorned or unknown by the nations of Europe, were proclaimed in the deserts of the new world, and were accepted as the future creed of a great people. The boldest theories of the human mind were reduced to practice by a community so humble, that not a statesman condescended to attend to it."

"In New England," he says, "townships were completely and definitely constituted as early as 1650." "The independence of the township was the nucleus round which the local interests, passions, rights, and duties, collected and clung. It gave scope to the activity of a real political life, thoroughly democratic and republican."

Again, "municipal institutions constitute the strength of free nations. Town-meetings are to liberty, what primary schools are to science—they bring it within the people's reach."

The movement which led the Puritans to plant churches, and civil institutions, based upon the simple principles of the Divine Word, I

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understand to be as much the work of the Divine Providence, as was the leading of the Israelites *out of bondage, through the Red Sea and through the wilderness*, into the promised land. They, too, were led "by a pillar of cloud by day," and "a pillar of fire by night," *visible* to all His true worshippers. When there was a plague of *thick darkness* in all the land of Egypt three days, "all the children of Israel had *light in their dwellings.*" All may have this light, who comply with the requisite conditions. This promised land did not consist of broad acres of beautiful forests, pastures and meadows merely, but in those spiritual and celestial graces which they so well typify, and which are *all* comprehended in obedience to the command, on which hang the Law and the Prophets. We often hear the remark, "Yes, the Puritans were persecuted. But when they got the power, they did the same thing." Such persons would do well to read and inwardly digest the facts of history—and base their opinions thereon. They had sufficient sagacity and good sense, after coming to this wilderness to set up religious and civil institutions, new to the society in which they had lived, not to *risk* their destruction, by either opposition or indifference. They had inherited legacies of intolerance and its fruits, as has been shown. In some cases they allowed themselves, more naturally than properly, to indulge in similar mistakes. But these cases were exceptional and occasional.

Roger Clap came to Dorchester in 1630. "I found it," he says, "a vacant wilderness in respect of English. There were some English at Plymouth and Salem, and some few at Charlestown, who were very destitute when we came ashore." Dorchester first chose town officers in 1633. . It is claimed that Dorchester was the first town that ever chose Selectmen, either in this country or any other. Roger was chosen one of the Selectmen in 1637. He was then about twenty-seven years of age, and was an active public man for over fifty years thereafter. He served the town as Selectman seventeen years; and as Representative to the General Court, sixteen years. In 1637 the whole General Court, including Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, and Representatives, consisted of only thirty-five persons.

In 1634 there was levied a tax of £600 for public uses, on twelve plantations. Nearly one half was assessed upon Dorchester, New-Town and Boston, in sums of £80 each. The corporate existence of Dorchester commenced four years before, in 1630, and ended with 1869, having had an honorable duration of two hundred and thirty-nine years.

Five Clapps came to Dorchester, viz.: Roger, in 1630; Edward, Nicholas and Thomas, in 1633; and John subsequently. John died without issue. Thomas settled in Scituate. All of this name, so far as is known, are descended from Roger, Edward, Nicholas and Thomas. They were strong Puritans, and entered with heart and soul into the work of founding churches, towns and other civil institutions. Liberty, with hunger, was sweet, compared with plenty without it. "Bread was so very scarce," says Roger, "that the very crusts of my father's table would have been sweet unto me." Notwithstanding these privations,

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he thanked God for contentedness in these straits, "and advised his dear brethren," Edward, Nicholas, Thomas, and his two sisters, to come also. They took his advice, "sold their means, and came hither."

The Clapps seemed to take to State, Town and Church affairs, as naturally as a bird to the air. In the matter of offices, where there was a large amount of work required, with no compensation—except in the consciousness of doing good—the Clapps always occupied an advanced position. So in the military line. If a corporal, sergeant, ensign, lieutenant, or captain, was wanted for the militia—which was an institution of vast importance in those days—they were too modest to decline the honor; and doubtless showed a becoming gratitude, performing well the duty, and acknowledging the compliment by giving the accustomed "entertainment."

A few facts will illustrate this position. In Dorchester, members of the Clapp family have served as—Selectmen, 133 years; Representatives in the General Court, 41 years; Town Treasurer, 44 years; Assessors, 46 years; Town Clerk, 52 years. Here is an aggregate of 316 years. But this does not include many others, such as Overseer of the Poor, first filled by Nicholas; School Committee, Constable, and many other offices. If a church was to be built, its broken glass set—here, too, Nicholas is on record as the first committee-man—or otherwise repaired; if the people had to be seated in church by a committee; if an ordination or a neighboring church council was held, requiring a committee or delegates, *they* were expected to help fill the places of honor.

There was much of the same in Scituate.

The first Church in Dorchester was organized on the other side of the water, and came over in a body with its ministers, Messrs. Warham and Maverick. Edward Clapp was Deacon from 1638 to 1664, 26 years. Samuel Clapp, son of Roger, was Deacon and then Ruling Elder, from 1701 to 1708. Hopestill Clapp, son of Roger, was Deacon from 1692 to 1709, and Ruling Elder from 1709 to 1719. Jonathan Clapp, Deacon from 1719 to 1723. Hopestill Clapp, jr., Deacon from 1723 to 1759. Ebenezer Clapp, Deacon from 1809 to 1860. Ebenezer Clapp, jr., Deacon from 1858 to date.

Nicholas Clapp was called Deacon in some of the early records.

Here are eight persons in number, with 177 years of service out of 239.

In looking over the Records of the Massachusetts General Court, I find the first reference to Roger to be in connection with experiments in making saltpetre, in 1642. The record runs thus:—

"And being willing to lay hold on and use all such means as God shall direct us unto, as may tend to the raising and producing such materials amongst ourselves as may perfect the making of gunpowder, the instrumental means all nations lay hold on for their preservations;" "do order and decree that every plantation shall erect an house about 20 or 30 feet long, by 20 foot wide," &c.

Committees were appointed in 21 towns to superintend these experiments. "Sergeant Clap" was appointed for Dorchester.

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May 6, 1646, "It is ordered that Humphrey Atherton be Captain of Dorchester Company, Roger Clap Lieftenant, and Hopestill Foster Ensign."

In 1653 Roger was one of a Committee of four to settle differences between Dedham and several Indians.

In 1655, one of a "Committee of two, on a bill of costs," "to return their thoughts to this Court."

Also, Committee of Trade, "whereby merchandizing may be encouraged, and the hands also of the husbandman may not weary in his employment, and for begetting a right understanding, and a loving compliance between both, they may advise together, or assuage as they see cause."

1658, Committee "to lay out a highway thro' Roxbury."

1658, Committee on the petition of the celebrated John Eliot, "to lay out convenient bounds to Natic."

1659, Committee "on petition of Concord about bridges."

1660, Committee "to run South line 40 miles S. W. of Hudson's River." Also, "to encourage settlement of Braintree."

1663, "On the Militia, for rectifying what is amiss, and the better settling of the same." Also, Committee on the Castle.

1664, May 29, Committee on South line betwixt Massachusetts and Plymouth. Oct. 19, "The Court granted it meete to grant Roger Clap fower pounds for his service in laying out the Southern line of our patent between Plymouth and Massachusetts."

1665, Committee on "complaints about tanning leather."

1661, Dec. 31, "Left. Roger Clap, being chosen by the town of Dorchester to end small causes, the Court allows thereof; and at the request of the towne of Dorchester, to appoint one to joyne persons in marriage, that are published according to lawe, the Court doth hereby authorize Left. Roger Clap for the service." He married large numbers.

Aug. 1, 1665. "This Court having considered of the want of a Captain for the Castle, do nominate and appoint Capt. Roger Clap to be Captain thereof."

The Castle was regarded by the colony as a position of great importance. It used to be visited by the Governor and Legislature in a body, and by committees; and provision was made that it should always be in a state of efficiency. From 1633 to 1685—52 years—there were one hundred and twenty-five distinct entries in relation to it on the State Records.

These records say:— "For the better improvement of the Castle for the service of the Country, in times of peace and war, it is ordered by this Court, and the authority thereof, that there shall be a constant settled garrison, consisting of a captain, lieut., and other officers, with 64 able men completely armed—out of trained bands—from Boston 30, Dorchester 12, Charlestown 12, and Roxbury 10." "It being a matter encumbent on this Court to provide that all meete provision be made for the upholding of the Castle, and suitable artillery and batteryes

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there provided, it is ordered, that the Gov. and Major Generall, for the time being, doe from time to time make such supplies of men and ammunition as the season of the year or the condition and occasion of the country may require."—Vol. iv. Pt. 2, p. 280.

In 1673 the Castle was burned, and "Gov. Leverett, Capt. Clap," and three others, "were a Committee to see what should be done."

The questions and duties which came before Capt. Clap for action, were those which required intelligence, sound judgment and integrity, to dispose of correctly. I never learned that he failed in duty but once. On one occasion a ship passed the Castle without stopping. For this he was fined £50 by the County Court. He asked the General Court to remit the fine. "It appearing," as the records of the Court state, "that his omission of what he ought to have done, proceeded not from any wilful neglect, but from a dubiousness that was upon him by reason of a former order, and the sudden passing of the ship, whereby he was surprised, judge meete to remit his fine." Perhaps this was permitted to show his posterity that he was human; and therefore it would be unadvisable to worship him as a saint!

Thomas Clapp, cousin of Roger, moved to Scituate about 1642. In Deane's History of Scituate, ten gentlemen are spoken of, one of whom was Thomas Clapp, "as men eminently qualified for transacting not only the municipal concerns of the settlement, but for taking part in the government of the colony." "The next generation suffered in the means of education, and the third generation still more."

The descendants of Thomas Clapp were numerous, and embrace some of the most distinguished men of this name. Deane speaks of a grist mill and fulling mill which belonged to Captain John Clapp in 1653, and to Samuel Clapp in 1690. Also a saw mill on 3d Herring Brook, belonging to Constant Clapp. The name of Clapp is given in Deane's History as one of thirteen families "most actively engaged in ship-building." Ship-builders by this name have gone from here to Medford, Mass., Bath, Me., and other places.

The Rev. Mr. Chauncey was minister of the first parish in Scituate, having been settled in 1641. He "would baptize only by immersion." This was warmly discussed throughout New England. Mr. Chauncey requested his opponents to refrain from coming to the communion. This led to the formation of a second church in 1642. The controversy terminated in 1675, having lasted 33 years. The Committee of Reconciliation consisted of Thomas Clapp and two others. The ability displayed in this discussion would do credit to any age.

In 1706 a larger meeting-house was required in that town, and Ensign Stephen Clapp and others were a committee to purchase land. A "Committee of Seaters, to appoint persons in which seat he or they shall sit in at the said meeting-house," was chosen. Lt. Stephen Clapp, one minister, two deacons, one captain, one private, constituted the committee.

1769, Voted to build a new meeting-house. Committee, Nathaniel Clapp, Galen Clapp, and two others.

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1771, J. Jacobs and others petitioned the General Court to be set off. Nathaniel Clapp and two others were appointed "to make a representation." They did so, and the Committee reported against separation.

March 11, 1684, the town chose a Committee "to consider the general good—seriously of the premises and to impart their apprehensions to the town," consisting of Samuel Clapp and six others. They reported upon the *faithful and impartial administration of justice, exactness in financial matters, and in treasurer's accounts.*

May 27, 1686, the town met, the new book of laws being read, and "being desirous to prevent what may be hurtful," a Committee consisting of Thomas Clapp and others was appointed "to draw up our grievances, and impart their apprehensions to the town." This had reference to Sir Edmund Andros.

In 1787 the town chose a Committee (Constant Clapp and others) "to prepare instructions for their Representatives." They reported two pages of well prepared instructions.

The first Overseers of the Poor were Thomas Clapp and Charles Stockbridge.

In 1739, the town chose Capt. John Clapp and Samuel Clapp to "prosecute the law relative to the preservation and increase of deer." Capt. John Clapp was chosen annually for the same purpose until 1775, thirty-six years—and Constant Clapp was chosen annually afterwards until 1784. Here was an office conferred upon the same family for 45 years. It may well be questioned whether a parallel case can be found, at any period since the flood!

Thomas Clapp was Town Clerk in 1745; and Augustus Clapp, from 1799 to 1815. It so happens that Ebenezer Bailey, senior and junior, held the office of Town Clerk for a number of years. This might seem a little strange, were it not for the fact that the maiden name of their mother and grandmother was Abigail Clapp!

Cotton Mather commends a certain little book by Rev. Mr. Witherell, viz:—the "Life of John Clap of Scituate." This was a son of Thomas Clapp, remarkable for his understanding and his piety, and who died on his approach to manhood.

An anecdote is handed down in relation to this Mr. Witherell, who was Thomas Clapp's pastor. A parishioner had entered meeting late, and Mr. Witherell, at the close of his prayer, thus addressed him:—"Neighbor Bryant, it is to your reproach that you have disturbed the worship by entering late, living as you do within a mile of this place, and especially so, since here is goody Barstow, who has milked seven cows, made a cheese and walked five miles to the house of God in good season." Such is a specimen of the plainness and frankness in which the old and young of our name were trained in those days.

The Clapps of the town of Scituate bore a part in the French War; and appear also to have shown much activity in the Revolutionary War. On the town record in March, 1774, we find—"It was put whether the town would act upon the request of William Clapp, and

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others, touching the difficulties of the present times, and passed in the affirmative." A Committee of eleven was appointed, and among them Nathaniel Clapp, Esq., Galen Clapp, and John Clapp, jr. They made a report, filled with the spirit of those times.

October, 1774, "It was put whether the town would choose a Committee of Inspection, to see that the Continental Association shall be strictly adhered to," and passed. Galen Clapp, Increase Clapp, Samuel Clapp and Constant Clapp were on the Committee.

Committees of "Correspondence," of "Inspection," on "forming a State Constitution," of "Safety," on "Raising Minute Men," &c., were appointed, on all of which this family were represented.

In short, the Scituate branch of the family show a good record.

Northampton was organized as a town in 1654. It was represented in the Legislature in 1663. As it has never published a town history, its records are not easily accessible. The Legislature granted the town land for a village, provided twenty able and honest persons, householders, will engage to settle upon the same; and provided, always, that they take due care to provide preaching, &c. Sergeant Preserved Clapp was appointed, by the Legislature, one of a Committee to have charge of the same.

The records of the General Court show that Capt. Preserved Clapp was a member of that body from Northampton, in 1697, 1704, 1705 and 1708.

Easthampton was incorporated in 1785. The first district meeting was held at the house of Capt. Joseph Clapp. The first church was also organized in the same house. Thaddeus Clapp was Deacon of the church 33 years.

From 1785 to 1866, the Clapps had served in the board of Selectmen 26 years; Town Clerk, 21 years; School Committee, 7 years out of 40; and Representatives, 10 years out of 55.

Similar results occurred in other places, but I cannot give the details for want of access to the records.

When the British evacuated Boston, in 1776, they spiked, with rat-tail files, the cannon of the old Castle commanded by Roger Clap a century previous. Whether the old gentleman attempted to resent this aggression in his grave, history does not inform us. At any rate, his great-great-grandson, Preserved Clapp, descendant of Preserved of Northampton, an ingenious clock-maker, invented a hollow drill, by which the obstructions were removed. The grandson of this clock-maker—the venerable Derastus Clapp—is here present. This work was done by order of the Legislature, as will be seen by the following, copied from the Massachusetts State Records:—

"Memorial of Preserved Clap, overseer of the men employed in opening the Cannon at Boston, and Castle William. Setting forth—That he and the men attended that service for the term of time specified, for which he, nor they, have received any pay, therefore the memorialist prays that the Honorable Court would give him an order upon the

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Treasurer of the State aforesaid for the amount of his account, or otherwise relieve him as shall seem meet."

"The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the petition of Preserved Clap have attended that service, and beg leave to report by way of resolve."

"*Resolve on the Petition of Preserved Clap.* (Sept. 16, 1776, p. 263, v. 35.) *Resolved*, that there be paid out of the Public Treasury of this State to Preserved Clap, £43. 1*s.* 10*d.* in full for his account. And whereas said Clap says that he has invented a Machine for boring Cannon, which may be improved to the great advantage of this State, therefore Resolved, that if said *Clap* will exhibit a Plan or Model of said machine to Hugh Orr, Esq. and others, a Committee for casting large Cannon, so as to satisfy them of its Superior utility, upon their Report thereof to this Court, there shall then be granted to him such a sum for his invention as may appear adequate to its superior usefulness." (Resolves, Sep. 16, '76, p. 75.)

In conclusion, I will observe that it is not easy to so analyze the race of Clapps as to do them full justice. They seem to me, as a whole, to be quite a matter-of-fact, utilitarian class; not much given to the mere poetic, ideal, or transcendental. Their studies and pursuits have seemed to run more into the physical and actual, than into the sentimental or speculative. Hence we find them, in early as well as in later days, devoting themselves to farming, milling, tanning, ship-building, trading, manufacturing, and mechanical employments; preferring the useful to the useless—holding the doctrine that virtue is founded in utility—or that it is defined and enforced by its tendency to promote the highest happiness of humanity. They have seemed to regard the church, and civil government, when administered in the spirit of Divine Justice, as the main instrument to accomplish these ends. Their work in the past, we can contemplate with satisfaction. Not that there have been no speckled, or even black sheep in the flock. But still, few families have contributed to society a less number of loafers, vagabonds, or criminals.

But, finally, what are the duties which belong to the future? All empires, races, and families, go to decay, which fail in performing the duties which Providence has placed before them. Our duties would seem to be to aid in finishing the work which our fathers so well commenced. Let us therefore here renew our vows, and let each one for himself, and herself, embody in life the Golden Rule—the Divine basis for both Church and State.

What is the cause of the present convulsions in Europe? They are caused, in my judgment, by attempts to suppress those underlying principles, which brought our fathers to this wilderness for a resting place, more than two hundred years ago—viz., the rights of man as man, under the Divine Law. We are told, through the prophet, that "I will overturn, overturn, until He whose *right it is, shall reign.*" Divine Justice must and will reign in its *own right*, until it gives peace and comfort to all, through conformity to the Golden Rule. Man has

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only to overcome, through Divine aid, all inverted influences—the mob within himself—when *his millennium* will begin. The Puritans made a beginning—a most important and successful one—in this direction, and tasted some of its first fruits. Our duty lies in the same direction, and woe will be unto us if we fail in that duty.

The dinner hour having arrived, an adjournment took place, with the not very comforting announcement that the unexpectedly large numbers which had congregated would render it impossible for more than half of them to be seated at the dinner table at once. This necessarily interfered with the original plan of making that the place for a more social and familiar mingling of all who might be present at the family gathering. The only remedy was to meet again in the large hall in the afternoon to transact any business that might be brought up, to listen to such speeches and papers as might have been prepared, and still further to bring together and make acquainted the scattered members of the family —so many of whom then met each other for the first time.

At the afternoon meeting, the following resolution was offered and passed unanimously:—

Whereas, our kinsman, Ebenezer Clapp, Esq., of Dorchester, has devoted many years' labor to collecting the genealogy of Roger, Edward, Nicholas, Thomas, and John Clapp, the first emigrants of their name, and their descendants; and

Whereas, It seems very desirable that such work should be made as perfect as possible by completing all the family records of their descendants, and bringing them down to the present time, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three be nominated by the chair to coöperate with Mr. E. Clapp, in completing and preparing the work for the press, and also in printing and publishing the same. Otis Clapp, William B. Trask, and David Clapp, all of Boston, were appointed on the committee.

A subscription list for the work was circulated through the hall, and the following committee appointed to procure further subscriptions: H. N. Rust of Easthampton, Albert S. Clapp of Deerfield, Charles Clapp of Wethersfield, Conn., W. C. Clapp of Dorchester, Martin H. Clapp of Montague, S. E. Bridgman of Northampton, Joel T. Clapp of Southampton, Alexander Clapp of Windsor, Conn., J. B. Clapp of Hartford, Alfred Clapp of Huntington, and Dr. Sylvanus Clapp of Pawtucket.

The President announced that circumstances would prevent the calling upon individuals, as was intended, to speak as representatives of the

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respective branches of the family, and he should therefore request Deacon Ebenezer Clapp, of Dorchester, who was now well known to the audience as the family historian, to say a few words in behalf of the descendants of Roger, Edward and Nicholas, he claiming a lineal descent from each of these three progenitors. Deacon C. then read a paper which he had prepared, as follows:—

Kinsmen and Friends:

We are all curious to know something of our progenitors, of those who preceded us on this stage of action; especially is it interesting to learn about those who first landed on these shores—an event which has proved to be one of the most important in the world's history. After an interesting study for thirty years of the large and growing family before me, it gives me great pleasure to see so many of *you* together. It seems but a short time since the origin of our country; but how rapidly history has developed itself during these two hundred and fifty years! Its growth in that time corresponds with that of the older nations in two thousand years; its events "have chased one another down like the generations of men;" its civilization has travelled westward, like an advancing army on its march; its cities and towns have sprung up in rapid succession, till the well-known phrase "Westward the star of empire takes its way" has lost its significance; the national banner has been unfurled on our western coast, and henceforth civilization must travel Eastward.

I go back in imagination to the days and circumstances that made, or founded, the Puritan party, among whom were our ancestors. Time will permit me to speak but very briefly of its history. Suffice it to say, they declined to submit their faith to any human authority, or to transfer to others their right of private judgment on matters of faith; a faith that was really the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." They had an unbounded hostility both to Church and State as exemplified in the mother country; and held themselves responsible in spiritual matters to God alone. This dislike grew by persecution into a dogged obstinacy. We read their records, written in sincerity and truth, and learn of their hopes, their fears, their discouragements and their sorrows; we also learn of their resolves, and their fortitude, which put under foot all minor difficulties. Yet they came into a wilderness. It was not home, nor a country; "both were to be created."

My reading and observation for many years have led me into a study of the Puritan character; and I am impressed with admiration at its wonderful significance. Made into a sect or party by oppression and abuse, they grew strong, and stamped their age by their wonderful achievements. No terrors could fright, no honors or rewards tempt them; they cared not to have their names registered in the "book of heralds," anxious only that they might be recorded in the "book of life." Archbishop Laud could not lure them by his introduction of Sunday

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sports; nor deter them from following their deliberate judgment, by silencing four hundred of their ministers. I hold that the Puritans, as a class, party, or sect, whichever they may be denominated, acted up to their convictions. Some of those convictions, we may believe, were rigid and unreasonable, and associated with the party must have been some hard and selfish men; but they and their descendants have been in the front rank of all that has tended to advance civilization, intelligence, industry, ingenuity, intellect, and the rights of man; their virtues predominated over their faults, amid every pressure of adversity. They were as shrewd, vigilant, and far-seeing, as politicians, as they were earnest and sincere in their religious belief. These opinions I hold of their spirit, character and mission, without sympathizing with many of their peculiar and now outgrown ideas.

Let the fault-finders and traducers of the Puritans rail on; they cannot deceive the faithful expounders of history, nor arrest the progress of their descendants, so long as they hold to the Bible, that essential platform of their progenitors. "I am verily persuaded," said the renowned John Robinson (in his parting address to the Pilgrims), "that the Lord has more truth yet to break forth from his holy Word." As this truth has been revealed, they have embraced and acknowledged it; and perhaps no sect, party, religion, or community, are without leading men from among them. The light of the 19th century must not be the standard of the 17th; to so compare and judge, is an act of manifest injustice.

In the past it is plain that no danger could subdue, no trouble conquer the men who first settled this land: if in the future their posterity fall, wealth and luxury will be the means; these are the snares that overcome, undermine or extinguish a people. But we hope and believe of them better things. There is much work for them yet to do; there are many lands to be explored, many truths to be acknowledged, many inventions to be made, and many oppressions to be overturned. In the words of another, "It is for them to search creation through, climb all mountains, cross and sound all seas; number, classify, and follow in their course all the stars of the firmament; dig into the bowels of the earth, gather its hidden treasures, fathom every secret, solve every riddle of nature, copy all beauty, breathe all music, and accumulate for use and enjoyment whatever of comfort or of luxury nature can supply."

And now, my friends, I have not said a word in relation to our own lineage; there is not time for that here. That they have contributed their full share in bringing this country to its present condition, I cannot doubt; that they and their descendants will coöperate till this bright picture is realized, I am equally confident.

This is an occasion I had not expected to witness, and one that I shall not forget. Let us all look forward with bright hope and anticipation to the time, when Roger, and Edward, and Thomas, and Nicholas, and John, with all their descendants, shall be gathered into the Kingdom eternal, and become sharers in its unspeakable blessings.

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JOHN CLAPP, Esq., of Binghamton, N. Y., was now introduced by the President of the Day, and made the following speech, the lively humor of which was well received by the audience:—

MR. PRESIDENT, AND KINDRED:—

After what you have listened to, does anything remain, which I can say, to instruct you, or even to amuse? Nothing, absolutely nothing, so thoroughly has everything been done. I can only express my surprise, as well as pleasure, in being made acquainted with this large number of relatives, heretofore unknown to me. So profound was my ignorance of my family, whence it came, or who its members, that I scarcely knew the names of my father and mother; but you will pardon me for not being accquainted with them, when you know that both died before my age had reached a single year. I never met with but one individual stranger, bearing the name of "Clapp," until I was so fortunate as to be discovered by the "Historian," since which time I have seen several of the name.

I am under great obligations to this "Historian," who found me, by examining a list of Postmasters, during the reign of John McLean, of honest memory! Emerging from the vale of the beautiful Chenango, I visited the "Historian," and soon found out that my father's name was Thomas, and my grandfather's Roger. My library was enlarged, and I began to study the "Memoirs of Capt. Roger Clap."

The moment the "Historian" put his eyes on me, he said, "I know where you come from; you belong to the black branch of the family." And you see he was right on that point, as he always is. The more I studied the "Memoirs," the more satisfied I became with my relatives. I began to feel well acquainted with Capt. Roger and his charming little family, especially the young ladies Elizabeth, Experience, Wait, Waitstill, Hopestill, Thanks, Desire, Unite—and Supply, and Tom, and the other boys. Think of the blessings of a family circle, ye modern brides! Possibly, some of these young ladies may have been masculine, as they are named amongst the Ruling Elders. But I do not consider this conclusive; as women, about the days of the "May Flower," had something to say, as well as to do, besides dressing for the Opera or the Church!

As I have said, I studied the Memoirs of my great ancestor, and noticed some things which were interesting, to which, please permit me to allude. The voyage over occupied about seventy days, with the usual horrors and perils of the ocean, in a great ship of 400 tons, bigger than any canal boat, but not as large as the Great Eastern! The tedium was brightened by expounding the Gospel "every day for ten weeks." Think of that, you who worship in fashionable churches; for the preaching was not after the style of the Rev. Morphine Velvet, but brought the bottomless pit plainly into view, as the doom of the unconverted!

The "Tremont House" was not then built, so that it was difficult to obtain good board, at a reasonable price. Food was scanty. Roger

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remarks, "Many a time, if I could have filled my belly, tho' with mean victuals, it would have been sweet unto me. And when I could have *meal* and *water* and *salt*, boiled together, it was so good, who could wish better?" Think of dining with Roger, and then think of the tables, groaning with abundance, from which we have just arisen!

Roger and his companions soon manifested their love of trade and "swapping," now so marked a characteristic of a New Englander. We are not informed as to "whittling." They generally "whittled" Indians, not having plenty of shingles. One of his greatest trades was a "*swap*" with an Indian, Roger giving a "puppy dog" for a peck of corn. It was a fair trade, as no complaint was made by either party, so it is probable the Indian had a good dinner.

My friends, these little things, which appear so ludicrous, point unmistakably to terrible destitution and suffering, for want of food.

Roger left much good advice for his children; for instance, "*Watch over your ears.*" Possibly, this was in consequence of his having been present at a little performance in 1631, when a noisy fellow, who *spoke against the Government, had both ears cut off.* This was done in Boston, and Roger says, "I saw it done."

They were temperate men in those days. As early as 1632, it was discovered that a Mr. Allen had "*aboute* 2. *gallandes*" of strong water, which the Court, very considerately, ordered taken from him, to be delivered to the "*Deacons of Dorchester*," for the benefit of the poor; meaning, I suppose, those who were not able to buy their drinks. Perhaps this was the origin of the "Maine Law."

Notwithstanding so much that seems quaint, narrow, prejudiced, bitter, even cruel, you must remember, my friends, these were the errors of the times. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, near two hundred offences against the law were punished capitally. Sir Matthew Hale was willing to preside over a trial for witchcraft! Light was just breaking over Europe; and perhaps, in no portion of the earth at that time, was greater security found for life, property and conscience, than with the little band of emigrants who clustered around one another in the shadow of the forest, looking to God alone for protection.

Nothing can exceed the beauty and sublimity of the dying words of our majestic, grand old progenitor to his children! "And now, dear children, I know not the time of my death; my time is in God's hands; but my age shows it cannot be far off. I do charge you solemnly—Fear the Lord our God, and obey his commandments. See that you fear Him, and stand in awe and *sin not.* If you do truly love God, you will keep all his commandments, and you will *hate evil.* Strive to live in Love and Peace with all men. Be courteous—Be sober—Be charitable—Set your affections on things above, not on things below; not on Riches, Honors and Pleasures."

Such, my friends, were some of the dying words of Roger Clap! What can be added? What more, or rather, what *wiser words* will you hear, from the pulpits of the day, shaken with the very thunder of modern preaching!

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I am proud of my descent from such a stock, and happy in the acquaintance I have made of this great family of relatives. May we come together again, and find as now no stain on the family escutcheon; and let us all unite in the motion, which, Mr. President, I now make, that the thanks of this assemblage be tendered to the gentlemen who conceived the idea of this gathering, and who have so successfully hunted up, and brought together, this wide-spread, numerous and happy family.

The motion was put to vote by the President, and carried unanimously.

Sylvanus Clapp, M.D., of Pawtucket, R. I., being called upon as a representative of the Medical Profession, read the following paper:—

It is fitting, and preëminently so, that we the descendants of those men who have done so much to give to New England her character and history, from its earliest period to the present time, should honor their memories, and reproduce in our own lives those virtues which adorned their earthly career. In doing this, it is their character as well as their deeds that we love to recall and cherish. And when I remember the aged men bearing the name of Clapp living in my boyhood days, those I loved and reverenced, I now feel that they were the men who had passed the dangers and temptations of life safe and complete; and I do not wonder I so loved and admired them. I might call them by name, but they are remembered by many of us as the public and useful men of the towns of Northampton, Southampton, Easthampton, Westhampton, Pittsfield, Worthington, Chesterfield and Belchertown. They made an impression on my mind which will never be erased until my earth-life ends.

It is such men who have given to New England its character. They never sacrificed principle to self-interest; but always first considered whether it was right to do this or that, and acted accordingly. Principle was always paramount to personal interest with them.

They were earnest, conscientious, self-reliant men. They pushed aside difficulties that surprised men of less energetic character.

When you find men of such earnest spirit, combined with such prudence and caution as they possessed, you find men of great influence in the world. They did not spend their time in defending the truth only; but they *exemplified* and *lived* the truth. They were industrious men. They used their talents, whether great or small. They have not been the men who said they had no place in the world.

This has been true of our women, as well as men:—And there is one such among us to-day, whose girlhood days were spent in this town. Her heart was always full of good and noble deeds, always the most happy when doing the most good. She found a place in our army, and like Florence Nightingale ministered to the wants of our wounded and sick soldiers, until smitten with disease, and came near laying down her own life for the good of others. Such lives always pro-

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duce good results. Such influence and usefulness are never wasted, but live on amidst all the mutations of human life.

I consider I should do injustice to the present occasion, if I did not speak of the life and character of one of my earliest playmates and a life-long friend—the Rev. DEXTER CLAPP. We were as brothers; born within a few months of each other, living in the same neighborhood, and enjoying all the pleasures of our youthful days together, it is not strange we should have so loved each other.

The following notice of his life and death, taken from one of the public papers, well describes the loveliness of his character:—

"It is with sorrow that we record the departure of another faithful worker and devoted spirit from the earthly field and fold. Rev. Dexter Clapp was born in Westhampton, Mass., July 15, 1816, and graduated at Amherst in 1839. After fitting himself for the ministry, to which he felt himself called at an early period, at the Cambridge Divinity School, he preached for a time at Deerfield, Mass., but declined a settlement in order to accept a call from the society in Savannah, Ga., over which he was ordained in November, 1843. There he remained about two years and a half, working with great fidelity and preaching with acceptance and fervor until his health yielded to the influence of the climate and the drain of incessant labor upon his never strong constitution. Returning to the North, he was immediately invited to settle over the Church in West Roxbury, whose pulpit had been vacated by the removal of Mr. Parker to Boston, and was installed as its minister in December, 1846. The steadiness of his course, the sweetness of his spirit, the beauty of his quiet, active, useful life and Christian character, made a profound impression on all who knew him, while his discourses, though never brilliant, but always thoughtful, serious and full of unction, made his ministry here quite successful. In 1851 he accepted a call from the East Church in Salem, to become the colleague of the venerable Dr. Flint, and was installed December 17 of that year. Here he remained ten years, when the failure of his health made it necessary for him to sever a relation which was almost sacred in its sweetness and intimacy. Since that time he has struggled against his disease or borne its pain and weariness with quiet, manly Christian fortitude and resignation. For a time last winter his health seemed to improve, and he went South, stopping on his way home in this city. But the consumption was too deeply seated to yield, and at last his physical frame was overcome by its ceaseless wear and waste. At last, on Sunday, July 27, he passed on. So lived and wrought and suffered and passed away one of the most pure-minded, single-hearted, meek, devout, consecrated spirits we have ever known—a true saint, if such an one ever walked the world, and one whose memory itself is a benediction and a sanctity. It is hard to part with such as these, but it is a joy to think that what earth loses heaven will gain."

I take the liberty, also, to quote from two letters I received a few days after his death—one written to Rev. Dr. (now Bishop) Hunting-

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ton, by Rev. Rufus Ellis, D.D., the other by Rev. Dr. Huntington to myself. Dr. Ellis writes:—

"The dear, good, sweet fellow! He strove bravely to the end, only during the last he said that his time was coming, and yielded in all faith, hope, and love. They told me nothing could exceed his patience and gentle submission; that his body of flesh seemed to fall away from him and leave the spirit free to see the visions of the heavenly city. He expressed, as you may well know, the strongest love for you his life-long friend. He looked calm and grave and bright in his last rest, and you would have rejoiced to have gazed upon him even so. It is hard to give him up, even for a short time. There are not many such for us. There was something so inexpressibly winning in all that he was. I think he had come at last to the conclusion that life in this world was no longer to be desired. The hope of being any more of service in his chosen work died out at last, and he looked the other way, and was more than content. I can hardly think that so much is lost out of my earthly future."

The Rev. Dr. Huntington, in his letter addressed to me, says:—

"Thirty-five years ago I began to know and love him, at Hopkins Academy. We were chums four years; and almost that, three years more, and our hearts I am sure were never divided. I have always regarded him as the most amiable of all the men I ever knew. His cheery, buoyant, unselfish, affectionate nature, made an atmosphere of harmony and peace, wherever he was. We are all made mourners by the departure of so much goodness:—but it lives elsewhere."

A Committee of three, consisting of ELBRIDGE CLAPP of Quincy, HIRAM CLAPP of Dorchester, and JOHN B. CLAPP of Hartford, was appointed to confer respecting the time and place for holding another Family Gathering.

After singing Auld Lang Syne, the meeting adjourned—some of the members to remain for a time in the neighborhood, others returning at once to their homes, and all carrying with them increased knowledge of the names and history of their ancestors, and a stronger attachment than ever before to the whole family whose first gathering had now so happily terminated.

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OTHER papers had been prepared for the occasion, but circumstances interfered with their being read. Among them was the following, by JOHN CODMAN CLAPP, Esq., of Cambridge.—A sentiment, from another source, is also appended, which doubtless embodies the feeling of a large number present towards a place so hallowed in all our memories as the ancient town of Dorchester.

Perhaps few of the *Million-heirs* of Capt. Roger Clap are ever likely to be *Millionaires*. Suppose they are not. Think of the man in Scripture who thought to satisfy the desires of his soul out of his full stored barns, and plentiful grounds, and what he was called. Artemus Ward says, "There is many a person who kan sit a mouse trap two perfection, but not satisfied with sich small game, undertake two sit a trap for bears, and get ketched by the bears. Moral—Study your genius, and stick to mice." And yet, I don't know that the Clapps have, or should have stuck to small game. They are a thinking, active, industrious, honest people, endeavoring to fulfil the great destinies of life, and have been enabled to make their *mark* in the world, whether they could write or not. Some have occupied the higher positions in life. Look at the history of Dorchester; see the names strewed thickly among its lists of officers. Many have been honored as officers in the church as well as in civil life. To say Deacon Clapp, in Dorchester, a few years ago, did not designate any one, as there were five there who held that title at the same time. As far as I can learn, a less number have been of vicious or intemperate habits than those of other names.

Is there not a great truth underlying this, which is contained in the second commandment—I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that *hate* me, and showing mercy to *thousands* of them that *love* me and keep my commandments. Now every one who has read Capt. Roger Clap's memoirs knows that the great thought of his life was, that his children, the colony, the world, should become holy, in order that they might become happy. No wonder he raised a holy generation to follow him; it is a natural consequence; we are living not only to form our own characters, but also to mould that of our children, and children's children. He was a godly man, and with his family were constant hearers of the word preached, when in command of the Castle, though it was about four miles to church.

I have thought that his spirit might be hovering over us now, saying, in the words of John in his third Epistle: "I have no greater joy than to know that my children walk in the truth."

DORCHESTER—good old Dorchester—older than Boston or Cambridge or Charlestown—the home of Roger Clap and his brethren—the birthplace of his son Preserved, the Captain, Ruling Elder, and Representative of Northampton—the birthplace since of Everett and many other worthies; although now absorbed into the great neighboring metropolis, its name shall not die with its corporate existence, but be handed down to future generations associated with the names and virtues of its early settlers.

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THE following extract from a letter written by a lady in one of the distant western States, to a kinsman in Boston, may be taken as a specimen of the interest felt in the late gathering by many of the family who were unavoidably absent:

"DEAR FRIEND,

"I wish you knew how much pleasure I experience in saying 'Dear Friend,' remote as I am from kindred; fatherless, having buried my husband, my father-in-law, my mother-in-law, also a dear little niece quite recently. This new kinship, and the pleasing reminiscences growing out of it, seem a sort of compensating solace to one who looks for help to bear heavy griefs. I hoped, until the last moment, to be able to meet the hundreds of our family who gathered at Northampton; but my heart, certainly, was there, and I perused with eager interest the account you sent me, for which please accept my thanks. It seemed like reading a letter from home. I fancy that our ancestry upon the other side of the 'beautiful river' must have been present; and who knows how every noble purpose, every self-sacrificing spirit of the gathered throng may have been strengthened and buoyed up by the ministering spirits present there? This may be but an idle fancy, but quite natural, I think. I shall be pleased to receive a copy of the pamphlet containing an account of the meeting."

THE annexed ancient letter, from the Rev. SUPPLY CLAP, of Woburn, Mass., to Rev. NATHANIEL CLAP, of Newport, R. I., will be read with interest. Some notice of the minister last named will be found in the Address, page 25. The letter is taken from Vol. xv. of the *N. E. Hist. and Genealogical Register*, into which periodical it was copied verbatim from the original, furnished by Mr. William B. Trask, of Dorchester.

Wob: Dec^{r} 25th 1742.

Rev^{d}: Father,

I received a Little bottle from you, the contents of w^{ch} I took; which (by y^{e} Divine blessing) I hope was serviceable to me. I thank you for it. I have been (according to y^{e} Good will of a holy God) bro't to y^{e} Gates of y^{e} Grave, w^{h} I tho't I should be deprived of y^{e} residue of my years. But when near departing, as myself and others apprehended, God was ready to save, Jehovah-jireh, God appeared in y^{e} mount of Difficulty and I am returned to see y^{e} Lord in y^{e} Land of y^{e} Living and to behold man again. I am still a poor weak Creature, as I have often heard you say of yourself. I have many painfull Days

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and restless nights. I hope God intends all for my Good and y^t^ I shall Learn humility, Patience, resignation to Gods will &c: in this School of affliction. I make no doubt I have had your prayers for me, I ask them still. My family is in good health, by Gods Goodness. My wife sends her Duty to you. We have two Children, Martha and Supply, pray God to bless them and make y^m^ blessings. My Love and Service to Mr Gardner. Now wishing Grace mercy and peace may be multiplied to you and y^e^ flock to whom you have so long been made a blessing, and asking y^r^ prayers for a blessing on me and my flock, I subscribe myself, y^r^ Dutifull tho' unworthy Son in y^e^ Ministry.

SUPPLY CLAP.

P. S. I heard from Dorchester, not long since. Our friends and Relations w^re^ in good health generally. There is a Little number y^t^ hold a Separate meeting yet on Lords Days. It is remarkable, That y^re^ hath not been one Exhorter among my people yet, we are in peace, (God grant it may not be a peace and Security in Sinning.)

I beg y^e^ out pouring of Gods Spirit on my people and upon y^e^ Land, and that God would preserve his people from Errors, which I fear are many at this Day. I trust we must still, To y^e^ Law and to y^e^ Testimonies, Stick to y^e^ Bible and make Gods word our Rule. Please to write to me by y^e^ first opportunity, That I may hear (I hope) of y^r^ welfare and receive your blessing in y^e^ Lord. S. CLAP.

For the Rev^d^
M^r^ Nathaniel Clap
Pastor of a C^hh^ in Newport
on Road-Island
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MEETING AT BOSTON.

JUNE 18 AND 19, 1873.

At the Northampton meeting of the Clapp Family in 1870, as already mentioned, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Elbridge Clapp, of Quincy, Hiram Clapp, of Boston, and John B. Clapp, of Hartford, was appointed to decide upon the time and place of holding another meeting, and to make arrangements for the same. At the request of this Committee, a meeting with them of several others of the name was held March 11, 1873, at the store of William Clapp, in Temple Place, Boston. At this meeting, it was unanimously voted that another family gathering was desirable. The time fixed upon was the evening of the 18th and during the day of the 19th of June then ensuing, and the following Committee of Arrangements was appointed, viz.: Messrs. Eugene H., Elbridge, Otis, Ebenezer, Charles M., Samuel W. and William Clapp. A Committee on Circulars was chosen, consisting of Otis and David Clapp and William B. Trask. The arrangements made by the committee comprised a social family reception and entertainment at Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Tremont and Berkeley Streets, Boston, on the evening of June 18, and on the next day a trip by steamer from Boston to Nantasket Beach, near the landing-place of the Dorchester company of emigrants, including Roger Clapp, in 1630. Here, at the well-known Rockland House, a dinner was to be provided, and the day given up to friendly intercourse and social enjoyment.

[The following sportive allusion to the second family gathering appeared in the *Boston Daily Journal* a few days before the meeting took place. The article appeared anonymously, but it is believed that the charge of "rashness" would not justly be deserved should its authorship be attributed to a certain prominent member of the family.]

"The reunion of the Clapp family will take place on the 18th, in Boston, and on the 19th the family will visit Nantasket and dine at the Rockland House. All who bear the name and all who are *connected* with the family by any tie are invited to join in this meeting. The

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main object of the gathering is not, as might be supposed, to indulge in expressions of mutual admiration, or to glorify the achievements of their ancestors, honorable as have been the deeds and exploits of those who bore the name hundreds of years ago. They meet to indulge in a family love feast and to give vent to those feelings of maternal, paternal and fraternal regard which has always been among the leading characteristics of a majority of this large and increasing family. They desire to meet to have "a good time." Since the earliest days of the family, I might say since Roger Clapp first landed on Nantasket Beach, the members of it have been noted for their partiality for "good times." There are other families which resemble the Clapp family in this respect, but "a good time" with the Clapps consists of as much enjoyment as possible, without the danger of a head-ache or a back-ache the following day. They seldom run to excesses. They are not indisposed to a full share of what may be termed fun, but they always remember that to-morrow is ahead. In this respect they differ from some other families. In fact, their bump of eventuality is wonderfully well developed. They know that certain events bring with them certain results, and therefore they look before they leap. To this trait we attribute their freedom from accidents attributable to personal rashness. Members of this family never run the risk of falling overboard by jumping on a steamboat that is six inches away from the wharf. They would call a man or a dozen men to put a plank, or they would submit to a delay of two hours rather than indulge in any saltatory exploits. These two hours would not be wasted either if they were in a strange place. They would either interview the best posted man in town, for their love of information is great, or they would seek some cool and sequestered nook, and moralize upon the folly of other families who are always breaking their necks by jumping aboard moving trains or tumbling under horse-cars. There is no record of a member of the family ever having been guilty of these improprieties. The nearest approximation to such rashness of any one bearing this name, was that of a man who gave the name of Clapp, though it was probably assumed. He was arrested and convicted of some misdemeanor, and sentenced to pass a few months at one of the reformatory institutions of the Empire State. The newspaper account stated that while the cars were going at the rate of thirty miles an hour, this man jumped from the train, and as the sheriff failed to put in an appearance, Clapp was allowed to indulge his love of rural life unmolested. His escape was certainly creditable to his agility, a quality in which some families lack. The aforesaid Clapp also furnishes the only evidence on record of a member of the family being in a hurry. They are wonderfully exempt from this failing. As a rule they are never in a hurry, except under great and pressing emergencies, because they had rather drive than be driven. As a general rule the Clapps pay their debts promptly when they have money, and it would be folly to expect any family to pay without the wherewithal to liquidate pecuniary obligations. According to a care-

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fully prepared table of statistics, it has been ascertained that thirty-one per cent. of this family never run in debt. They believe in cash down. Forty-four per cent. keep files of paid bills; fifteen per cent. patronize those traders who give the longest credit; four per cent. want a large discount for cash, but prefer to give long notes, while six per cent. are somewhat inclined to consult their own convenience and insist upon selecting their own days of settlement. No other family in New England can show a better financial statement than this.

"There is no record that any one by the name of Clapp ever robbed a bank, stole a railroad or put up a back pay job. This is claiming a great deal in these times, but the statement cannot be contradicted. There was no sutler in the late war by this name, and no Indian agent ever came from this family, which is eminently creditable to the Clapps. No one by the name was connected with the Polaris expedition, which accounts for its failure, and no member of the family ever took any interest in the Modocs, or they would have been civilized a score of years ago. That perpetual motion, water gas and cheap bread for the million exist only in the imagination is no doubt attributable to the want of time of some member of this family to solve all these problems.

"I am informed by a member of the family that unlike many other families the Clapp heirs never had any claim to the site of an English city, and very few ever inherited any money or ever expect to. Their advent here on Thursday next will be a memorable event in the annals of Nantasket Beach. Search is now being made for Roger Clapp's footprints, and the historian of the family will no doubt find them."

The contemplated evening Reception at the elegant hall in Berkeley Street on the 18th opened most auspiciously the festivities and greetings of this second Family Gathering. From the newspaper reports of the day are gleaned the particulars which follow, the proceedings not having been published, as was the case in regard to the first meeting, in a separate pamphlet.

All ages were represented, from the ambitious little one of three or four, who toddled about the hall, to many venerable ladies and gentlemen past three score and ten. The oldest person present was Mr. Waterman Clapp, of Warwick, R. I., who is 85, and several others were nearly as old. Two coats of arms of the family were exhibited, neatly framed and entirely different from each other, one bearing the characteristic motto "Do right, come what may." In addition, there were many smaller ones which individual members had, representing different branches of the family. The residences of the three hundred and fifty or four hundred present are largely clustered around the first home of the family in America, at Dorchester. Another locality from which a large number of names were registered was North and East Hampton, where a son of Roger Clapp settled in the early history of the town. There were also representatives from Hartford, Wethers-

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field, Windsor and East Windsor Hill in the State of Connecticut; from Philadelphia, President and Tideout, Pennsylvania; from Jericho and Vergennes, Vermont; from Providence, Warwick and Woonsocket, R. I.; from New York city and Lockport, N. Y.; Mendon, Michigan; Mansfield, Ohio; Lee Centre, Illinois; Augusta, Maine, and from Baltimore and Washington. The large mass of the family, however, appear to have preferred to make it their home in the good old Bay State, a very large number of the towns being represented.

The company began gathering at an early hour, but it was not until about half-past eight o'clock that they were called to order in the large and beautiful Grand Lodge Hall by Hon. Otis Clapp, who presided. The exercises were opened with an excellent rendering by Mr. Charles A. Clapp of New York, and a son of Mr. Ebenezer Clapp of this city, of the fine old song, "New England," which was loudly applauded.

The President then delivered the address of welcome in which he referred to the arrival of the "Mary and John" in the harbor of Nantasket two hundred and forty-three years before, containing "a precious band of humble but intelligent and earnest puritans, who carried in their souls the seeds of a new civilization." He likened this emigration to the going out of Abraham in obedience to the divine command "from his own country and kindred and from his father's house to a land that was to be shown him." Reference was made to Gov. Stoughton's election sermon in 1668, in which he eulogized the early settlers of the colony, and made use of the expression so often quoted since, that "God sifted a whole nation that he might send choice grain over into this wilderness." The connection of the Clapp family with these first emigrants and with their movements in establishing the new colony, was spoken of, and the President then welcomed the listeners as follows:

"The members of the family residing in this city—which includes old Dorchester—wishing to extend to their kinsmen the right hand of fellowship, have invited you to meet them at this reception; and it is my pleasant duty to bid you, one and all, in their name, a cordial welcome. This hall is not exactly the old homestead, but it is near thereto, and will serve, we trust, as a substitute therefor. We ask you, therefore, to make yourselves, of right, perfectly at home, as members of the family.

"In a period of nine or ten generations, covering near two and a half centuries, our family, as well as others, has grown somewhat numerous. It would not be strange, therefore, if we had lost sight, in some degree, of our ancestors and of their descendants. The time is propitious to repair this omission.

"It is proposed, therefore, to revive a knowledge of the early trials and struggles of members of the family, and of their zealous and successful efforts, in conjunction with others, to establish and perpetuate institutions that have inured to the benefit of succeeding generations. To aid in doing this it is proposed to publish the History and Genealogy

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of the Clapp Family. Its value will depend largely upon its completeness; and its completeness must depend upon the efforts of members of each family in furnishing the necessary facts regarding births, deaths, marriages and other information. Your aid and coöperation is therefore cordially invited to secure this object.

"Family gatherings and family histories are growing more and more common, and they are felt to be aids in promoting the great cause of civilization.

"It is hoped that our family will not be behind others in the desire to advance their own civilization and that of the world. The desire has been expressed that our time may not be used in things that lead to mutual admiration. Let us rather be faithful to the good and the true, for which our ancestors sacrificed so much."

The whole company then united with most hearty chorus in singing the following lines, written for the occasion by Mr. Joseph Leeds (see No. 411 of THOMAS), of Philadelphia:

From homes wide scattered o'er the land,
We come where ancestors have trod;
Where once they lived, a Christian band,
For schools, for freedom and for God.

Our hearts with salutations swell;
Each voice awakes some kindred call;
Our hands the earnest greetings tell,
From all to each, from each to all.

Ancestral worth! two centuries gone,
With added years have told its sway.
It cheered our country's early morn,
And brightens still her rising day.

Our Mothers, Fathers died, but live
In Heaven, our hearts, and with us here;
And scenes this day around us give,
For Auld Lang Syne, the noblest cheer.

Then let our circle wide extend,
Our Fathers' virtues still be seen.
Be Thou, O God, our children's friend,
As thou our Fathers' friend hast been.

God bless our Country! make its Past
A pledge for goodness still to come—
A realm for man, while time shall last,
Of Christian Duty, Peace and Home!

The hour from nine to ten o'clock was passed in social cousining over cakes, coffee, strawberries and cream, and after this the company slowly dispersed for the night, though many lingered until a late hour discussing the family relationship.

The next day, June 19th, at half past nine o'clock, the family took the steamer Rose Standish for Nantasket Beach, which they reached in about an hour. Arriving at the Rockland House, a short consultation was held, after which a stampede by the younger members of the company was made for the beach, where they enjoyed themselves until the call for dinner.

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The dinner was served about one o'clock, and three hundred were seated at the tables. In making the arrangements for the reunion the committee received responses from only one hundred and fifty, and on the strength of this they made arrangements with Landlord Ripley to provide for two hundred. Before the boat reached the wharf at Nantasket, over three hundred tickets were called for, and owing to the capacity of the dining-room this was all that could be sold. Notwithstanding there was fully double the number for which preparations had been made, the well-filled larder of the Rockland House proved amply sufficient for the emergency, and every one of the party was provided with a splendid dinner, those who were unable to procure admission to the dining-hall being accommodated at the Rockland Café.

Dr. Sylvanus Clapp, of Pawtucket, R. I., was introduced by Hon. Otis Clapp to preside at the dinner. Grace was said by the Rev. Charles A. Humphreys, formerly of Springfield, and the subsequent hour was most industriously occupied in the consideration of the bountiful dinner, which embraced an excellent course of the delicacies of the season. Dr. Clapp then introduced the after-dinner speech-making with the following address of fraternal and cordial welcome.

"*Kindred and Friends:* As I look over this large gathering of my kindred and blood, and see so many among you distinguished in your various callings, I am a little surprised you should have selected me to preside over your deliberations. I accept it as a mark of your esteem and approbation; and be assured I consider it a great pleasure to stand here to-day and offer to you our kind and cordial greeting.

"We welcome you to Nantasket Beach, the place where Roger Clapp and Joanna Ford first landed and trod American soil. The same sun shines on us, the same blue sky is over us, the same broad Atlantic rolls and beats against this rocky-bound coast as it did on the 30th of May, 1630, a little more than 243 years ago, when they landed here, then a forlorn wilderness.

"Where they beheld the savage, we now see a highly advanced and polished state of society, and we now receive as our inheritance whatever science and art can bestow. No better or more fitting place could have been selected for our reunion. Here we find a large and commodious hotel where all our wants can be accommodated. We welcome you to all and everything worthy of notice on the land and on the ocean,

'To the blue above and the blue below.'

"We meet here to see our kindred in whose veins courses the same blood, to trace anew the lineaments of the good, and to hang the picture forever in the chambers of our memory.

"We have come from different parts of this great continent as one family, and if there are any who have a feeling of superiority, they must lay it all aside. We have assembled as brothers, sisters, friends, to meet in all *the man*. The same eternal spirit blows on us all, and every-

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where. The clergyman, the judge, the lawyer, the farmer, the editor, the printer, the merchant, the manufacturer, the mechanic, the historian, the physician, all meet here on a common level, and feel our hearts glow with the loves and friendships of former years. We should have been glad to see all, but there are many who could not come; we would remember all such; God bless them in their far-off homes.

"We like to hear the joyous laugh, we like all the pleasures of this life, we like to hear good speeches and good music, we like a good sail, we like a good dinner; we welcome you to all these, and above all to our hearts. We extend to you all our most cordial greetings, and welcome, thrice welcome you to this place so hallowed in our memories. The day is yours — enjoy it. And may your spring-time of life be full of flowers, your autumn rich in fruit, and your winter peaceful."

A toast to the clergy was eloquently responded to by the Rev. Mr. Humphreys, who would yield to no one in his exalted conception of the dignity of the calling. There was need to hold up the standard of the ministry, when so many attempts were being made to lower it to the lecture platform or the political arena. He believed in a divine call and consecration to the ministry. He was a member of the Clapp family through a mother's teaching and a mother's care, but he was reminded if they went back far enough, they were all brothers and all come together in the mind of God. The tendency of modern civilization was to separation, but as they came together as a family they were reminded of the ties that bind rather than the special callings which separate, and they should go away with a determination to make the human family wiser and better.

Judge Edwin Clapp, of Pawtucket, R. I., responded for the legal profession, who said though he was a large man he was one of the smallest judges in the small State of Rhode Island. They had cause for thankfulness that Divine Providence guided Roger Clapp to these shores, and that the home of the family was in the good old State of Massachusetts. He closed with a sentiment to the Clapp family, and the wish that they may be found worthy of their noble progenitor.

Dr. Horace C. Clapp, of St. Joseph, Mich., responded in behalf of his profession, expressing his pleasure at meeting so many of his kindred on the spot where the early members watered the tree of liberty with their blood. There were but few of the name in the State of Michigan, but they all had the ring of the true metal in them, and the New England cousins need not be ashamed of their kindred in the West, whose most cordial greeting he expressed.

Mr. Charles N. Richards, Clerk of the Senate of the United States, made a pleasant speech, in which he recalled the memories of two hundred and forty-three years ago, and especially of the religious and moral sentiments which they inherited from their fathers. Like their motto, they were always on the right side. The family had been modest, and the fame they acquired was not of the sky-rocket variety.

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Mr. Ebenezer Clapp was introduced as the historian of the family. After alluding to the body of Puritans to which our ancestors belonged, and exonerating them from the charge of intolerance, when judged by their own age, the speaker said:

"As I stand upon this spot, which must have been so familiar to our progenitor, Captain Roger Clapp, and look upon the deep sea, over which he had sailed, and on this beautiful beach, over which he walked and meditated, as he looked on the great Atlantic toward his old home—it comes to my mind what a busy, what an eventful life was his! I can imagine him as he left the "great ship" Mary and John, where he had heard preaching every day for ten weeks; he and his fellow-passengers put ashore, as he says "to shift for themselves in a forlorn place in this wilderness," which place is the point of this peninsula. I must say that I think our worthy Roger was too severe upon Capt. Squeb for this act, when we consider that no ship had ever sailed up that channel, no pilot had sounded its depths, and no friendly buoys marked its boundaries. The islands then, much larger than now, were covered with wood, and apparently closed in on every side.

"I can imagine him as he and about nine others of his fellow-passengers obtained a boat from some "old planter," and under the command of Captain Southcot, a brave 'low-country' soldier, went up Charles River as far as Watertown, looking for a place for settlement; and how surprised they were when at Charlestown they found Thomas Walford and perhaps the Spragues, and their thatched houses, the only Englishmen in that place, and Mr. Blackstone, on the south side of the Charles, their nearest and only English neighbor.

"After they had been absent a few days the company sent for them to return, for they had found a neck of land, called Mattapan, 'fit' to keep their cattle on. The ship Mary and John was one of the Gov. Winthrop fleet, and sailed from Plymouth, England, March 20, 1630, eighteen days before the Arbella, Jewel, Ambrose and Talbot, and was the first to arrive, consequently the responsibility of fixing a place for settlement devolved upon them. No wonder they selected the town of Dorchester—its situation is picturesque, beautiful, romantic; its airy hills, its fertile vales present a landscape fit for a poet's eye. In that early summer, how it must have looked to those storm-tossed voyagers, as they gazed upon it after their ten weeks' passage! Who was the old planter at Nantasket of whom they obtained the boat? Undoubtedly John Oldham; and he probably accompanied them on their expedition. He came over in the Lion in 1623; was at Plymouth and Salem at divers times, but for some reasons did not get along very harmoniously with them. Yet, upon the whole, he appears to have been a very useful, although a selfish man, and he was mourned by both colonies at his sudden and eventful death, being murdered by the Indians of Block Island in 1636, which was the immediate cause of the Pequot War."

Allusion was then made by the speaker to Roger Clapp being

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commander of the Castle in Boston harbor for twenty-one years, and to the want of food during the early settlement of the colony, so strikingly in contrast with the rich repast just partaken of.

The Hon. Otis Clapp said they had decided not to have much talk on this occasion, and he had occupied his time in the paper on "Puritanism and the Clapp Family," which he read at the Northampton reunion. He then paid a warm tribute to the memory of the Puritans who planted the seeds of a true religion and a true civil government on these shores. The contemplation of these principles formed a most interesting study. If the family were true to themselves and to God, they would try to lead the life the Puritans led.

Mr. Lafayette Clapp, of Easthampton, expressed the gratitude and joy which the occasion had furnished to those who came from the valley of the Connecticut and the adjoining hills. The reunion three years ago was fresh in the memory of many present, when they had the pleasure to welcome the family to the beautiful valley of the Connecticut. He hoped the reunions would be perpetuated at regular intervals, and he offered the thanks of the members of the family from different parts of the country to the relatives in Boston for the cordial welcome and excellent collation they had furnished, which was adopted.

Mr. Charles Augustus Clapp, of New York, said there were few of the family in New York, and so far as he knew there were none of them in Sing Sing or City Hall as yet. He made a very witty and entertaining speech.

Mr. John Codman Clapp, of Cambridge, wished that the old progenitors of the family could look down on them and see how numerous the family had grown. He spoke of the honorable part the Clapp family had taken in moral reforms and in the church.

Mr. Charles A. Clapp read a sentiment that the ladies had prepared as follows: "The motto of our family — do right though the heavens fall. From the ladies of the family to the gentlemen — we ask not to vote, but we ask you to remember this motto when you act for us."

Mr. Eugene H. Clapp, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, who had labored most assiduously to make the occasion pleasant, was called upon and made a very happy speech, in which were witty allusions to the remarks of the previous speakers. He referred to the coming 250th anniversary of the landing of Roger Clapp, and predicted a grand celebration at that time.

This closed the speech-making, and the company left the parlors, some to embark for Boston on the half-past three boat, and others to spend the remainder of the afternoon in rambles on the pearly sands of Nantasket, and there trace the fibrous roots of the genealogical tree, or search for footprints of Roger, the old Puritan forefather. The reunion, from first to last, was a most complete success, and the pleasure derived from it insures future reunions of the descendants of this old New-England family.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT HULL, IN 1830.

THE beautiful peninsula of Nantasket, the place of the second social meeting of the Clapps in 1873, already referred to, is the town of Hull, an ancient but unpretending little village and watering-place in the near vicinity of Boston. Nantasket was the Indian name of the town. It was incorporated May 29, 1644, only fourteen years after the arrival on its shores of the "Mary and John" with the Dorchester settlers. It then had but about twenty dwelling-houses. These have increased but slowly since, until within a few years, the number now reaching over two hundred. The inhabitants were driven off by the British in 1775, and afterwards some of the French soldiers in the American service during the war were stationed there. The town is about six miles in length, and reaches from Hingham towards Boston, from which city it is distant nine miles south-east by water, and twenty-five by land. The peninsula is in some places not more than forty rods wide; it has a hard, sandy beach on its easterly side, three and one-half miles in length, with a fine view of the ocean, and is a favorite summer resort. The Rockland House, in which the family were so pleasantly entertained in 1873, is on this beach, nearly five miles from the original landing-place in 1630. The valuation of the town, in 1875, was $692,192, and the State census gave the population as 316.

In the year 1830, the Second Church in Dorchester, most of whose members were descendants of the first settlers there, determined on celebrating the two-hundredth anniversary of their landing, and as near the spot as could conveniently be done. Accordingly, on the morning of June 30 of that year, a large party with their pastor, the Rev. Dr. Codman, started from Dorchester in twenty-eight carriages, and rode to the town of Hull, where they met twenty-three others who had gone thither by water. The visit was an eventful one to the quiet inhabitants of the secluded village, and the best accommodations at their command were freely provided. A gentleman now living there says of it:—"Well do I remember the day and the occasion (being then within a month of eight years), and the appearance of Dr. Codman, as he read the hymns. The day was very pleasant, and, as I remember it, seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors, as well as by all who participated in the observances of the day." An address was delivered on the occasion by Dr. Codman, which is contained in his

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volume of Sermons and Addresses printed in 1834. In it he quotes at some length from the celebrated poem written by Gov. Wolcott, of Connecticut, descriptive of the pilgrim party who landed on these shores, and some of whom afterwards removed to Connecticut. A short extract only from the Address can here be given. "A few of us," says Dr. C., "have taken the opportunity this day to visit the spot where our pilgrim fathers first landed, just two hundred years ago. We feel obliged to the inhabitants of this interesting and sequestered town, for the privilege of meeting in this place, where they occasionally hold their religious services, for the purpose of offering our tribute of praise and thanksgiving to their God and ours, for the blessings we have mutually derived from the event which we this day celebrate. * * * * We rejoice in the return of this most interesting anniversary, and shall number among the happiest and brightest events of our lives, that we were permitted, by religious exercises, to commemorate the arrival of our pilgrim fathers at Nantasket, on the very day that completes a second century."

Before returning to their homes, a paper was drawn up and signed by the whole Dorchester party, and permission obtained to enter it in full on the Town Records of Hull. Ninety-nine individuals thus recorded their names on a paper which was copied into the Records—the paper itself probably having been returned to Dr. Codman. This record was kindly copied for the benefit of the Clapp family, at the time of its meeting near by in 1873, by Lewis P. Loring, Esq., the town clerk of Hull, his father having occupied that office and made the entry in 1830. No opportunity having been offered at that meeting for using the document, it is inserted in the Memorial as not wholly out of place in a work relating to a family so many of whom had their origin in old Dorchester, and not a few of whose names are here found recorded. The second hymn is by the author of the one sung at the Clapp Meeting in 1873.

[Copy.] HULL (NANTASKET), JUNE 11, 1830.

THIS day, making allowance for the difference of style, completes *Two Hundred Years* since the first settlers of the Town of Dorchester landed on this spot, it being the Sabbath, May 30, 1630. The event was commemorated by the Subscribers, consisting principally of the Rev. Dr. Codman's Church and Society in Dorchester, by religious exercises on the spot where their fathers landed two centuries ago; when an address was delivered and prayers offered by Dr. Codman, and two occasional Hymns sung—together with the 78th Psalm in Dr. Watts, to the tunes of St. Martin's, Old Hundred and Mear. Copies of the occasional hymns are herewith preserved.

John Codman	Josiah Davenport	Elizabeth Clapp
Wm. Coombs Codman	Joseph Clapp, Jr.	Rachel Tolman
Joseph Clapp	Charles I. Adams	Clarissa Tolman
Isaac Howe, Jr.	James Clapp	Martha Howe
Stephen Robinson	Steven A. Robinson	Rachel Foster
Edward Foster, Jr.	James Foster	Maria A. Howe
W. M. Rogers	Howard Ford	Mary Howe

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James Penniman	Caleb Hill	Eunice T. Nixon
Henry G. Durell	Orin Hildreth	Sophia S. Clapp
Henry Durell	John Townsend	Matilda Townsend
Mary Codman	John Capen	Harriet Clapp
Betsey Clapp	Jonathan Hammond	Eunice H. Howe
Frances Howe	Stephen Lemist	Caroline Townsend
Hannah Robinson	John Nixon	Joseph N. Lewis
Ann H. Foster	Henry Penniman	James S. Wood
Lydia Rogers	Samuel Leeds	Hannah Wood
Ruth Swan	Huldah Wilcox	Lydia Baker
Mercy Durell	Harriet Sherburne	Mary Ann Homans
Rachel Hammond	Catherine Sherburne	Catherine L. Robinson
Malinda Wood	Hannah Clapp	Hannah B. Lewis
William Hammond	Eliza Jacobs	Sarah Lewis
Moses Wood	Hannah Tolman	Lucy S. Danforth
Henry Clapp	Clarissa Hook	Joanna Foster
Stephen Tolman	Joanna Hook	Sarah Gleason
Aaron Nixon	Mary Ann Penniman	Mary Ann Hammond
William Jacobs	S. L. Penniman	Nancy Murdock
Wm. T. Jacobs	Martha W. Parkes	Sarah Hoyt
Gilman Hook	Frances Atherton	Mary B. Lambert
John Tolman	Patience Lambert	Mary Capen
Joseph Leeds	Rebecca T. Gleason	Elizabeth W. Ford
Enos Howe	Rachel A. Foster	

HYMN.

In days of yore a pilgrim band
Came o'er the great wide sea,
Far from their homes and native land,
To enjoy their liberty.

'Twas on that bright and holy day,
The sacred day of God,
That here our Fathers found their way,
And on this isthmus trod.

This day two hundred years have fled,
Since first they landed here,
Though long been numbered with the dead,
Their spirits hover near.

Two hundred years—these holy men
Stood where we stand *to-day*,
And on this spot, uncultured then,
Began to praise and pray.

Here Wareham led his little flock,
Their grateful thanks to pay,
And on the great, eternal Rock,
Their future hopes to stay.

And Maverick here with holy zeal
Their fainting hopes sustained,
And taught them while their cares they feel
The Almighty Saviour reigned.

And here the church with holy love
Around their pastors thronged,
While notes of praise like those above
The sacred time prolonged.

Thus on this wild and rocky shore,
Begirt with the blue wave,
The pilgrims did their God adore,
And felt His power to save.

God of our fathers! from Thy throne
In heavenly mercy shine,
Oh, may we trust in Thee alone,
And be forever Thine.

HYMN.

By Mr. Joseph Leeds.

Two centuries have rolled away,
The interesting day has come;
'Twas on this memorable day
The pilgrims made this land their home.

On yonder deep, their gliding bark
Approached this wide and spreading shore;
They land, they join, they kneel, and hark!
In prayer and praises they adore.

'Twas Wareham, Maverick, and their flock
From fires of persecution fled,
'Twas here they worshipped, here they spoke,
And here religious freedom spread.

Their offering rose like incense pure,
And reached the heavenly throne of grace;
And God vouchsafed His mercies sure
To them and to their numerous race.

The rolling surf was then as now,
The sea, the beach, are still the same,
And we, as they, to God would bow,
And here His constant love proclaim.

Our Father, God! Now hear our prayer,
To Thee the earnest voice we raise;
Oh make this heritage Thy care,
This land a temple for Thy praise.

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